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"I will offer vnto your view a number of choice Epitaphes of your Nation for matter and conceit, some good, some bad, that you may see how Learning ebbed and slowed."—Remaines concerning Britaine, by Wm. Campen, 1636.



THE Epitaphs set forth on the following pages have been collected from many and various sources during the last five and twenty years.

Those which were formerly in the old City Churches are taken, of course, from *Weever* and *Stow*, in whose volumes they happily were enshrined previous to the destruction of the originals in the Great Fire.

A very large number I have myself copied from tablets, headflones, and brasses; many have been sent me by friends; others I have found in various County histories, and in the earlier series of "Notes and Queries," &c. &c.

They are here arranged chronologically, with a view to shew, in some degree, the styles which prevailed at different periods.

The frontispiece is a reduced fac-simile of the earliest epitaph in English.

Pewsey Rectory, Wilts. 1878.

¹ Antient Funeral Monuments, by Iohn Weeuer. London, 1631. The Survay of London written in the yeere 1598 by Iohn Stow, & fince then continued & much enlarged. London, 1618.

Corrigenda et Notanda.

- Page 17. John Reed. The earlier portion of this inscription is lost.
 - ,, 36. The name Henry Dypforde should be prefixed to the Berry-Pomeroy epitaph.
 - ,, 39. William Kerwin. The eccentric arrangement of the lines is the fame as on the tablet.
 - , 53. Jane Gee. For bookes read hookes. See Appendix for the Latin version.
 - ,, 66. Meredeth. The fifth and fixth lines should read thus:

 "Death, finding him receaving Customes, lookes
 Tyme's records, symde his days, and cross'd the bookes."
 - ,, ,, For Somerset read Gloucestersbire.
 - 71. The Fortescue Monument is put at too early a date, 1650 is more probable. Hugo Fortescue, who erected it, did not die till 1661.
 - ,, 80. Rev. J. Dickes. A comma should be inserted in the first line, after optima.
 - ,, 86. Rev. J. Fletcher. In first line insert the word hic after simul.
 - ,, 110. Elizabeth Prince. In first line, for Klovov read Kolvov.
 - ,, 124. For Thomas read Laurence Cole.
 - ,, 129. For S. Mullyon read Mullyon.
 - ,, 146. For J. Afbe read After
 - " 150. Mr. R. Tully. For 1725 read 1675.

The Compiler of this Volume will be grateful to any who will fend him corrections or additions for infertion in a fecond and improved edition, should such ever be called for.

ANTIENTE EPITAPHES.

c. 1250. Gundrada, Daughter of William the Conqueror, Foundress of S. Pancras, Lewes.

Now at Southover, Suffex.

[The lower end of the stone Cossin-lid is broken off. Gundrada died A.D. 1085, but Mr. Boutell considers the Cossin to be not earlier than 1250.]



1261. Ela, Abbess of Lacock.

INFRA . SVNT . DEFOSSA QUE . DEDIT . HAS . SEDES ABBATISSA . QVIDEM . ET . COMITISSA . SARVM . ELE . VENERABILIS . OSSA SACRAS . MONIALIBVS . EDES . QVE . SANCTI . VIXIT . IBIDEM VIRTVTVM . PLENA . BONARVM

Lacock Abbey, Wilts.



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c. 1280. Sir John de Frevile.

Fci . gist . sire . Fohan . de . Eriuile . qi . fust . seigniour . de . ceste . bile . bous . qe . par . ici . passet . par . charite . pur . lalme . priet.

Little Shelford, Camb.

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c. 1310. Maud de Mortimer.

(Mahaud de Mortimer gist ici Jesu pour sa grande pite e misericorde de sa alme ept mercy.

Tilley, Effex.

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1320. Dame Joan de Cobham.

H Dame : Joane : de : Kobeham : gist : isi : Deus : de : sa : alme : eit : merci : kike : por : le : alme : priera : qbarabnte : jours : de : pardobn : abera.

Cobham, Kent.

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1337. Laurence de St. Maur, Rector.

Suscipiat te Christus qui bocauit te et in sinu Abrahe angeli dedbeat te.

Higham Ferrars, Northants.

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c. 1340. William la St. John.

H Soutz . ceste . pere . lettere . ob . laton . gist . WWill'm . la . Seint . John . de . ramm . esbory . persone . et . fer . pore . sa . alme . prier . orason . qarant . iours . assbron . de . p'don.

Ramsbury, Wilts.

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1376. Edward the Black Prince. (The verses composed by himself.)

Sp gift le noble prince mont Edward ailnez filz du treinoble Rop Edward tiers iadis Prince daquitaine & de Sales duc de Sornewaille et Sounte de Seltre qi morult en la feste de la Prinite geltoit le biij iour de jupn lan de grace mil troiscens septante siline lalme de qi dieu eit mercy. Amen.

Mu qi palles oue bouche clole: Par la ou ce corps repole : Entent ce qe te dirai: Sicome te bire le say : Miel come tu es ie autiel fu: Mu ferras tiel come ie su: De la mort ne pensai ie mpe: Mantcome fauoi la bie: En tre auoi and richelle : Mont ie p fis and noblelle: Merre melons & gnd trefor : Brans chibaur argent & or: Des ore lu ieo poures & chetifs: Per fond en la tre gis. (Ta and beaute eft tout alee: Ma char eft tout galtee: Moult est estroit ma melon en mop na sy berite non: Et si ore me beilles: Fe ne quibe pas qe bous deilles : De ie eulle onges home elte : si su ie ore de tant changee: Pur dieu priez au celeftien Rop, qe mercy ait de larme de moy : Mous ceulr ge pur mop prieront, ou a bieu macorderont : Dieu les mette en son paray : ou nul ne poet eltre chetils.

Canterbury Cathedral.

[From a rubbing.]



1370. John ye Smith.

Man com & se how schal alle dede be: wen yow comes bad & bare: Noth hab ben be away fare: all ys werines yt be for care: Bot yt be do for godys luf we have nothyng pare. Hundyr Pis grave lys John ye smyth. God zif hys soule heven grit.

Brightwell-Baldwin, Oxon.

[The earliest Epitaph in English.]



1393. Sir Thomas Walsch.

Here lpes Chomas Walsch Anpght, lorde of Anlep, & dame Kat'ine hys wyte, whiche in her tyme made the Kirke of Anlep and halud the kirkyard first in wurchup of God & oure Ladge & segnt Dicholas. Chat God haue ther sowles and mercy.

Wanlep, Leic.



1398. John Bettesthorne.

Hic jacet Johes Bettesthorne quonda dus de Chadenwyche fundator istius cantarie qui obiit bi die Februarii Anno dui Mo CCC rCbiij, litera duical' E. Cui' aie p'pciet' deus. Ame.

> Cu qui trasieris, bideas sta plege plora Es qo eram et eris qo su p' me precor ora.

> > Mere, Wilts.

[This inscription is remarkable as containing the Dominical letter for the year of decease, and in the original is reversed, "tiB terms," Sc.

English vertions of the lines are found down to a very late period, if indeed they are not fometimes fet up in country parifles at the present date.]



1407. Thomas Palmer.

Palmers all our faders were I a Palmer liupd here And trabyld sore till worn we age I ended thus worlde's pulgramage On pe blyste Assention daye In pe cherful moneth of maye On thobsande we foure hundrede seuen And tooke my iorneye hense to heuen.

Formerly at Snodland, Kent.



1410.

Ecc' qod erpedi habbi Mod donaui habeo Mod negaui ponior Mod seruaui p'didi

Lo al y' eu' f spet y: su tme had f Al y' f haf i god etet y: now haue f D' f neyu' haf ne let y: now abie f P' f kepe' til f wet y! lost f.

Formerly, under the effigy of a priest, at S. Peter's, S. Alban's.

Versions of the above occur not unfrequently, e.g., Robert Byrkes, 1579; William Lambe, 1540; John Orgen, 1591; Edward Courtenay, 1419, Sc.
[The same in modern spelling, and without the contractions.

Ecce quod expendi habui: Quod vonavi habeo: Quod negabi punior: Quod serbabi pervivi.

To, all that ever E spent, that sometime had K: All that E gave in good intent, that now have E: That K never gave nor lent, that now abie K: That K kept till K went, that lost K.

In "Notes and Queries," 1st Series, No. 276, is given the following Scotch version.

Et that E gife, E haif: Et that E lent, E craif: Et that E spent, is mine: Et that E leif, E tyne.]



c. 1412. Thomas Knowles.

Here lyth graupn budyr ye ston
Thomas Knowlys both flesh and bon
Grocer and Alderman yeres fortye
Sheriff & twis Maior truly!
And for he sholde not ly alon
Here lyth wyth hym hys good wyff kone:
They weren together sirty yere.
And upnetene chyldren they had in feer.
Dow ben they gon, wee them misse:
Christ haue ther sowlys to heuen' blisse. Amen.

S. Antholin's.

1 Vis., in the 1st and 12th years of Henry IV.



1414. John Oundeley, Rector.

Miserere miserator quia bere som peccator. Vinde precor licet rebs, miserere mei Bebs.

Flamsted, Herts.



1416. Richard More.

Bubiacet ecce pede Ricardbs Morbs, in ede Kene, qui discretbs thit ampla pace quietos. C quater et Mille, quater et bis ser obit ille, Luceq' serta ter kunij, fit hujbs sibi mater; Fecit plura loco, bona sunt suffragia pro quo. Post Christiana sua bita subit ad relabamen Chos Manus alma tua saluet, precor, G Bebs. Amen.

South Moreton, Berks.



1416. Richard Skypwith.

In pt pere of Cryst on thowsand four hundred ful trewe with four and sixteen

H Richard Skypwith, Gentilman in borthe, late felowe of Dewe Anne,

An my age twenti on, my sowle partyd from pe bodge in Abgost pe rbi dage

And now f lye here abydynge Gods mercy bndir ps ston in clap Besprynge pow pt ps sal see, bnto pt Meydene pray for mee Pt bare bothe God and man

Lyke as pe wold pt oder forr pe sholde Whan pe ne may ne can.

S. Peter's, S. Alban's.



1419. Edward Courtenay, Earl of Devon.

Poe, hoe, who lyes here H pe goode Erle of Debonshire Whith Maud mp What to mee ful deere Whe lyued togeather fufty fpue yeare. What wee gaue we haue, What wee spent wee hadde:

Wihat wee lefte that wee loste.

Formerly at Tiverton, Devon.



1420. Robert Poyntz.

Pere lyeth Robert Poputy lord of ironacton And this stepul here maked who begde the aftene daye of Junne, the yere of our Lorde meccept of whose soule God have mercy. Amen.

Iron-Acton, Glouc.



c. 1420. Alice Thorndon.

Decryst thu pyte and mercy have On alys brunham that whylom was the wyst Of gylys thorndon whych her' y grave And her bestende fro werre off fendys stryst Make her partable of eternal lyst By the mergt of thy passion Whych wyth thy blood madyst our redepcion.

Frettenham, Norfolk.



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1424. John Micolt.

Es testis Christe quod non facet hic lapis iste Corpus ut ornetur, sed Spiritum ut memoretur. Heus tu qui transis, magnus, medius, puer an sis, Pro me funde preces quia sic mihi benie spes.

S. Martin's, Vintry.

[A frequent form.]



1425. William Chichele, Sheriff and Alderman of London; and Beatrice his Wife.

Houch as pe be . such wer we.

Such as we be . such shal pe be.

Lerneth to vepe . that is the laue

That this lit . pow to wol drawe.

Sorwe or gladnesse . nought letten age.

But on he cometh . to lord and page.

Therfor for us . that ben goo.

Prepeth as other . shal for you doo.

That God of his benignyte

On bs have mercy & pite

And nought rememb' our wykednesse

Sith he bs bought of his goodnesse. Ame.

Higham-Ferrars, Northants.



1429. John Horsepoole.

D bone Protector anime, miserere Johannis Porsepoole, qui Rector Auerham fbit eius in annis. Cancellarie fuerat biuendo Magister, Sis sibi fons benie cuius fuit ipse Magister. Morte die decimo nono kunij ruit anno, M C quater nono sociato bis sibi deno.

S. Dunstan's-in-the-West.



c. 1430. Harry Hawles.

Heer is phbried bnder this graue Harry Hawles hys sable God saue Longe tyme Steward of pe ple of Whyghte Haue mey on hym God fol of myghte.

Arreton, Isle of Wight.



1435. Richard Adane & Maryon his Wife.

Her' lyth pe bones of Rychard Adane & Marpon his wyst God graunt ther soules everlasting lyst.

The which Rychard dyed

In ye pere of our Lord MoCCCCo. .

The which Rychard Adane as k yow say.

Leyd yys ston be hys lyst day:

The per' of our lord was yan truly.

MoCCCCo sybe & thrytty.

Man yt behoveth ofte to have in mynde.

That yow gevest we yyn honde yat shalt yow synde, sfor women ben slowfull & chyldren bey bukynde.

Trecutors bey covetous & kepe all ye pey synde:
sfor our boye soules buto ye Trynyte

Depeth a Paternoster for charite.

Kelshall, Herts.



1437. John Spycer.

A prey pow all for charite Pertily that ye pray for me To oure lord that sytteth on hye ful-of grace & of mercye The wiche Rode Soler in this chirche byon my cost y dede do wirche wt a labmpe brenynge bright to worschip God boye daye & nyghte And a gabulwyndow dede do make in helthe of soule & for crist' sake Now Ihu that dydyst on a tre On os have mercye & pite. Marpe moder mayde clere have m'cy on me jon spycer And on me Alys his wyst, Ladye for thi joyes tybe.

Burford, Oxon.



1440.

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Erth my bodge H giue to the On my soule Ihu haue pite.

Great Ormsby, Norfolk.



c. 1445. Richard Wood & Joan his Wife.

Farmel pou world, I tak leue for ever, I am cityd to appere I [know] not wher. Den al yis world yis tym had I lever A litl spase to mak a sith for fere of my trespase, broken is for sorowe Myn herte, now be that sal not be tomorrowe.

Farmel frendps, pe tod bidoth noe man I am tak' fro hens—E soe sal ge. But to what passage, tel pow I ne can: De pe be liuing may pray whyl pe be. Dakod I goe, nakod hider we cam, Prey pe for mee, requiem eternam.

Maldon, Middlesex.



1445. Richard Manfield.

Here lythe Apchard pe sone and pe Gyer of Robard Mantield Squper & Raterpne his wyfe wyth Isabelle hys Suster bothe yonge & feyre: That at rir. yeer of age he lefte hys lyfe Whith yong John his brother be the seconde wyfe: The peer ful complete of cristis incarnacyon Rychard . dyde . pe . bj . dage . of . aprill . M.CCCC. F . & . b. God reward ther' soulps wpt eternall saluacpon.

> Shu heben Apnge . graunte be grace. In heben to haue a place And pe Crinite graunte be ther' to be.

> > Taplow, Bucks.



1446. John Marshall, Canon.

Tt Rosa pallescit, cum sole sentit abesse: Dic homo banescit, nunc est, nunc desinit esse.

Lincoln Cathedral.



1447. William Read. "Civis et piscenarius."

Waho pt passyth by pt waie for mercy of God, behold and praie \ Aui pro aliis orat, On Baternoster and an Abe to ye blessyd Saynts & owr blessyd Ladge Bennt Mary to pray for us.

S. Nicholas Olave.



Robert & Christine Savage. 1450.

> Pere lpthe grauen bnder thys stoon : rtine Sauage both fleshe and boon. Rob't hupre sone was person heere, moore than priiti peere. Cryst godys sone born of a mayde: that owt of pe world ben passed bs fro: gaunte thy m'cy and to be also. Amen.

> > Busshead, Sussex.



1459. Richard Bontfant.

Prep pe for p' soule in wep of cherite
of Richard Bontlant late mercer of London.
For the Brethren & sisters of p' fraternite.
Gwner of p' plas callyd Castle of p' Stow:
Remember hym p' ps lepd buder ston.
For hys sowl & al cristen to prep
to p' mercifull keseu, a Pater noster anon,
an Abe to hys Moder, & mak no delep.
In March whyche decessed the rir dep.
In p' per of owr Lorde God, who kepe hym fro' pyne,
A thowsande fowre hundred fyttpe & nyne.

Stone, Kent.



1460. John Burton.

John Burton lyeth bnder here, Sometimes of London Citizen & Mercer: And kenet his wife, with their progenie, Beene torned to earth, as pe may see.

> Frendes free, what so pe bee, Prey for bs, we you prey: As you see bs in this degree, So schal pe be another day.

> > S. Michael-Baffishaw.



1463. John Baret.

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Warappid in a schete as a ful rewlie bretche, Do mor of al my mynde to meward wil stretche. From erthe k kam, and on to erthe k am brought, This is my natur: for of erthe k was wrought. Thus erthe on to erthe tendeth to knet. So endyth eche creture: voeth John Baret.

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Wherfor pe pepil in waye of cherite Whyth your gode praiers & praye pe helpe me. For soch as & am: right soe shalle pe al bi. Dow God on my sowle have merci and pite. amen.

S. Mary's, Bury S. Edmund's.

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1468. Thomas Hill.

Mons in balle jacet: quem tu deus erige rursum, Vt baleat montem Cristum pertingere sursum.

New College, Oxford.

1469. Robert Dalusse.

As flowrs in feeld thus passyth lyfe Pakyd the' clothd, feble in the ende: O' showeth by Robert Balusse & Alison hys wyf Chryste yem saue fro' the powr of ye fiende.

S. Martin, Vintry.

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1470. Laurence Bartlot.

Jesu anime famuli tui Laurentii Bartlot, nuper Registrarii Episcop: Lincoln. Qui obiit die . . . Octobris Anno mocccolppo, Dona requiem &c.

Quisquis ades bultumque bides, sta, perlege, plora, Indicii memor esto mei, tua nam benit hora. Sum quod eris, fueramque quod es, tua posteriora Commemorans, miseris miserans, pro me precor, ora.

S. Dunstan's-in-the-West.

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1472. John Gyse.

Pic Sacet Sofies Spse et Alicia upor ejus, qui quidem Johes feliciter obiit in communione omnium animarum, ao dni millesimo eccelppii quorum animabus propicietur Beus. Amen.

Elmore, Glouc.



1475. Sir John Smith.

Here lieth pe body of Sir John Smyth sutyme Maist' of this place. A good hobseholder, a figne man, large in almys, he did worship to alle hys kynne, all pe felbsship was pe merger pe Sir John Smyth was inne. I pay to God have mercy on hys soule & alle Cristen. he passed to God pe ris day of Noueber in pe pere of Grace A MeCCCC lerb. Flor charite say a Pat'nos' Abe.

Gt. Ilford, Esfex.



c. 1485.

starewel my frendes, the tyde abideth no man, I am departed from hense and soe shal pe, Bot in this passage the best songe that I can Is requiem eternam: now Phesu graunte it me, Whan I have ended all myn adversitie, Graunte me in paradise to have a mansion That shed thy blode stor my redempcion.

Northleach, Glouc.

Alfo, with flight difference, at Royfton and Baldftock, Herts; Maldon and Romford, Essex; S. Martin's, Ludgate; and S. Michael's, Crooked Lane.



1486. Margaret Cantelowe.

Celestial Princess thow blessyd Vergin Marie Thy serbant Margret Cantelowe call to remembrance, And prey to thy dere Sonne po bell of all mercie Co pardone hir trespase & fautes of ignorance Mhich to Hen: Cantelowe was Whote withouten barpaunce, And dowhtyr also to Nicholas Alwyn Mercer of London, God shelde them all fro' synne. De sayd Margret dyed ye b day of Marcii A meccelryrbj.

Streatham, Surrey.



c. 1500. Richard Nordell.

Richard Pordell lyth boryd heer Sumtyme of London citizen and Brapiere And Marjerie hys wyf, of her progenie Retbrnyd to erthe, and so schal pe. Of the erth wee wer made & formed And to ye erth we bin returned. Paue yis in mynde & memorie, Pe y' liuen lerneth to dy. And beholdeth here your destine, Soch as ye erne sumtyme weren wee. Pe schal be dyght in yis aray, Be yee nere so stobt and gay.

! Cherfor frendys we yow prey Make yow redy for to dye P: ye be not forr sinne atteynt At ye daye of Judgment.

Man the behobeth oft to have yis in mynd P' thow geneth wyth thin hond y' shal thow fynd For wydowes be sloful & chyldren beth bukynd Erecutors be conetos and kep al y' they fynd If eny body esk wher y' deddys goodys becam

Den ansqueare So God helpe and halidom, he dued a pore man.

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S. Edmund, Lombard St.



c. 1500. Elizabeth, Lady Scalys.

Here resteth pe body of elizabeth pe wyl of thoss pe lord scalps pe worthy,

Mwglu pe dowt' of pe nobyl lord bardolf i hys dapes ryt dowghty,

To awase sowle Khu sende pe droppes of pe plenteuows mercy So pe aftyr pis owtlawry sche abyde with' pe holy in pe pretuel glory.

Halvergate, Norfolk.



c. 1500. Katherine Huddesfield.

Conditor & redeptor corporis & anime Dit michi medicus & custos utriusq' Dame Bateryn p' wyte of s' wilha hud bessteld & doughter of s' phil courtenay knyht.

Shillingford, Devon.



c. 1500. John & Joan Cressy.

On lyne when we wer God sent bs spase To pink on him and of his grete Grase For as we be both body and fase Do both mor and less must be in lik case, In piteous aray as now yow see, It is no nay, so sal ye be.

Your self mak mon, or pe bin gon, and prep for bs, Mithout veley, past is pe dep, we may not prep for yow; its thus, Mhylst pat pow mey, boye nyght & dep, looke pat yow prep Desu of grase,

When pe bin gon, help is ther non, wherfor gink on Whyl pe hab spase.

Waltham Abbey.



1501. Richard Wenman.

Man in what state that ever thow be Timor Mortis shulde truble the ffor when thow leest wenyst beniet te

Mors superare And soe thy grave grewys Ergo mortis memorarE.

Luton, Beds.

[Also at Witney, Oxon, and Northleach, Glouc.]



1502. Agnes Halke.

In pis chpreheperd was soe hir chabnce First after pe haloweinge of pe same Afore alle others to begynne pe dans UAD to alle creturs is pe lothe game.

S. Alphege, Canterbury.



1503. John Reed.

They for man when ye wind blows Make the mill grind:
And ever then own soule
Have thow on minde
That thow givest we the honde
That thow shalte finde
And ye thow lebys the Executors
Comps far behind.
Do for youre own selfe
Thilk ye have space
To pray jhu of m'cy and grace
In heven to have a place.

Wrangle, Linc.



1503.

Domine in benia tua semper sperabimus Dunc XPE te petimus, miserere quesumus: Qui benisti redimere nos, noli dammare redemptos.

Slaugham, Suffex.



c. 1510. Christopher Urfwyk.

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S. Peter's, Norwich.



c. 1530. Thomas Grey.

What can mught powr or auncyet bloode abaull: Or els ruches that men cownte felicite:
What can they helpe ferful deth to assaull:
Certes nothinge and that is probyd by mee:
That had thos giftis rehersed wt all plente:
Deverthelesse yet am I lend lowe in clap:
That whilom was Squyer called Thes Grey.

Benet my Whyt eke is fro this world past: Pet we trost to be had in memory: As long as the paryshe of Coople shall last: Flor our benefitis don to it largely: As witnesse rrtt pownd wt other giftis many: Wherfor alle cristen men that goo by this way: Pray for yt soblis of Benet and Chos Gray.

Cople, Beds.



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Pic chorus indecorus fuerat, nunc balde decorus: Andreas is sum qui decorauit eum.

Herne, Kent.



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Feversham, Kent.



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c. 1500. Elizabeth, Lady Scalys.

Here resteth pe body of elizabeth pe wyf of thoss pe lord scalps pe worthy,

Mwylu pe dowt' of pe nobyl lord bardolf i hys danes rut dowghty,

To gwose sowle Khu sende pe broppes of pt plenteuows mercy So pt aftyr pis owtlawry sche abyde with' pe holy in pi p'petuel glory.

Halvergate, Norfolk.



c. 1500. Katherine Huddesfield.

Conditor & redeptor corporis & anime Dit michi medicus & custos utriusq' Bame Bateryn p' wyte of s' wilha hud bessfeld & doughter of s' phil courtenay knyht.

Shillingford, Devon.



c. 1500. John & Joan Cressy.

On lyne when we wer God sent bs spase To pink on him and of his grete Grase For as we be both body and fase So both mor and less must be in lik case, In piteous aray as now yow see, It is no nay, so sal ye be.

Your self mak mon, or pe bin gon, and prep for bs, Whithout veley, past is pe dey, we may not prep for yow; its thbs, Whylst pat yow mey, boye nyght & dey, looke pat yow prep Besu of grase,

When pe bin gon, help is ther non, wherfor pink on Whyl pe hab spase.

Waltham Abbey.



1501. Richard Wenman.

Man in what state that ever thow be Timor Mortis shulve truble the for when thow leest wenyst beniet te

Mors superare And soe thy grave grewys Ergo mortis memorarC.

Luton, Beds.

[Alfo at Witney, Oxon, and Northleach, Glouc.]



1502. Agnes Halke.

In pis chyrcheperd was soe hir chabnce First after pe haloweinge of pe same Afore alle others to begynne pe dans WHD to alle creturs is pe lothe game.

S. Alphege, Canterbury.



1503. John Reed.

They for man when ye wind blows Make the mill grind:
And ever then own soule Have thow yn minde
That thow givest w' the honde
That thow shalte finde
And y' thow lebys the Erecutors
Comes far behind.
Do for youre own selfe
Whilk ye have space
To pray jhu of m'cy and grace
In heven to have a place.

Wrangle, Linc.



1503.

Domine in benia tua semper sperabimus Dunc XPE te petimus, miserere quesumus: Qui benisti redimere nos, noli damnare redemptos.

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Here was I borne, and here I make myne ende Chough I was Citizen & Grocer of London And to pe office of Schrebalty did ascend: But things transitorie passe & banische sone Co God be geeuen thanks if that I ought have done. Chat to his honower & to the bringing by of pouth And to the succoure of pe age: for sewerly this is sothe.

By Abise my woff chyldren were left mee non Which we both did take as God had it sent: And firt our myndes that ionntly in on To releve the poore by mutuall consent. Have mercy on oure soules, & as for the residew, If it be thy will thow mayst owr Acte continew.

Stepney, Middlesex.



1542. John Bird.

Al pou this way by mee sal pas,
Considyr what I am, and who I was,
Bird I was first John by name;
Here in Acton Preest and Parson of ye same.
Fifty yeare & three governe did I heer
And fynisht my liff in ye two & fourtyth yeare
Aftyr a thowsand eccee of our Lorde's first commyng
In erth me to redeeme by sore peyne sufferynge:
And now I have peyd the stipend of this lyff,
Pelding my flesh to wormes wythout eny stryff.
For my soble intercede that glory it may opteyne,
Where wid ye blessyd Trinity eternally it may reyne.
And for yow ageyn prey by whos cherite I am relevyd
To sweete Pesu with whos blood I am redeemyd.

Acton, Middlesex.



1543. Anthony Sutton.

Al pow that doth this epitaph rede or see Of your mere godnesse and grett cherite Prep for ye sowl of maister anthony Sutton, Bacher of dininity Who dyed in secundo die Augusti Annoq' Domini M. ccccc. rl. and three.

Thistleworth, Middlesex.



1545. Charles Blount, Lord Mountjoy.

Willingly have I sought, and willingly have I found The fatall end that wrought thither as dutye bound: Wischarged I am of that I ought to my countrey by honest wound My soule departed Christ hath bought: The end of man is grounde.

S. Mary Aldermary.



c. 1554. Pers Ideley.

Pe pt behold & se thys dedely graue We beseche for cheritye hartily to praye Co pe Lorde of mercye owr soblis to have Pt bee here covered buder clothes of claye Bethe fro' whome nothyings escape maye hath of Pers koeley & his two woves By hys dredfull office seisyd theyr lynes.

Formerly at Dorchester, Oxon.



(1558., Sir Andrew Judd.

Co Russia and Muscoua To Spapne Opnny withoute fable Crabeld he by land and sea Bothe Mapre of London and Staple The Commenwelthe he norished Do worthelie in all his daps That ech state fullwell him lobed To his perpetuall prapes. Three wibes he had: one was Mary Fower sunes one mapde had he by her Annys had none by him truly By Bame Mary he had one dowghtier Thus in the month of Beptember A thowsande tybe hundred fiftep And eight died this worthie Stapler Corshippinge his posterptpe. Dr Andrew Judd Bint.

S. Helen's, Bishopsgate.



1565. John Eston.

Peere resteth in pe mercie of God, the bodie of John Estan, Esquire, etc. etc.

> How rich be they certapne That heauenly Kingdom gaine? Bo tongue can well erpresse Their iopes that be endlesse.

> > S. Thomas, Southwark.



1566. Thomas Williams, Speaker of the House of Commons.

Here Lyeth the corps of Thomas Willims esquier Twise reader he in Court appointed was Withose sacred minde to bertue did aspire Of parlament he Speaker hence did passe. The comen peace he studied to preserbe And trewe relygion ever to maynteyne In place of justyce where as he dyd serve And now in Peaben with myghtie Jobe doth Rayne.

Harford, Devon.



1566. Richard Chamberlayne.

To the poore hee was liberall & gaue for Godes sake, But now his fame is plentifull, & hee a heavenlie make, Hee was like on of bs, according to owre mold, But now hee bulike bs in heaven where hee wold. His tyme was shorte, in syckenesse rare, as to all is knowne: But now hys tyme shal longe endbre, & never be caste downe.

S. Olave, Jewry.



1567. Alexander Belsyre.

Moc quod es ipse fui mortalis, uterque perinde Mortuus, ac fato tu moriere tuo. Sic ergo bibas ut cum moriere superstes Vita sit in coelis non moritura tibi.

That thou art now, the same was I; And thou likewise shalt suer dye: Live so that when thou hence dost wend Thou mayest have blysse that hath no end.

Handborough, Oxon.



1570. Richard Fortescue of Ffylleygh, Esquire.

Florget who can of that he lyst to see Flortescue of Flylleaghte the sebenthe of that begre Remembrance of a frynde his brother Drake both showe Presenting this unto the eyes of woo Hurtful to none and fryndlye to the moste The earth his bones the Beabens possess his goste.

Filleigh, Devon.



1570. Robert Weare, alias Browne.

Here lyeth Robert Weare otherwise Browne
This was seven tymes Maior of Marlebrough Cowne
And lybed in peace all his dayes
Thith Anne his wife to their great prayse
And dyed ye proi of october in ye yere of or lorde 1570
This allwaies in God did put his hole trust.

Formerly at S. Peter's, Marlborough, Wilts.



1570. Emma Foxe.

To you that lyke possess grete troubles do befall, When we that slepe by Bethe do feel no harm at all. An honeste lyke dothe bringe a confull deathe at last, And lyke agapne begins when dethe is once past. My louinge store starewell, God guyde there w' his grace, Prepare thyselfe to come & I will geue the place. My children all adewe, & be ryghte sure of this, You shal be brought to Boste as emma store your Mother is.

Aldeborough, Suffolk.



1572. John Herrenden, Mercer, Esquire.

Qu an tris di c bul stra os quis ti ro um nere bit. H san Chris mi t mu la

S. Anne-in-the-Willows.



1573. Thomas Oken.

Of your charpte give thanks for the soules of Chomas Oken & Jone his woff, on whose Soules Jesus hath m'cp, Jesus hath m'cp. Amen.

S. Mary's, Warwick.



1573. Dr. Caius.

Foi Caibs. Fibit post fbnera birtbs 1573 Aetat. 37

Caius Coll. Camb.



1576. John Brimleis, Organist from 1557 to 1576.

John Brimleis' bodye here doth ly, Who praysyd God with honde & boyse; By mbsyckes heavenly harmonie Bol myndes he maid in God reioyce. Pys soble into ye heavens is lytt, Co prayse him stil ye gave ye gyfte.

Durham Cathedral.



1576. John Stydolf.

Here lyeth buried undir this stone the bodye of kohn Stydolf Esquire, which decessed ye 8 daye of Maie, in ye yere of our Lord Mccccclerbi.

Anueni portom spes et fortona ualete Bil mihi bobiscom lodite nonc aliis. Chocong' ingreditor segbitor mors Corporis ombram.

Mickleham, Surrey.



1576. Anthony Bond.

Christ is to me as life on earth, and death to me is gaine Because I truste thorowe him alone saluation to obtenne: So bryttle is the state of man, so soone it dothe decay, So all the glory of ye worlde must passe & fade awaye.

Egham, Surrey.

And in many other places.



1578. Sir Edward Bayntun & Family.

Here lyeth Dir Edward Bayntun Unight within this marble clad. By Agnes Ugee his first trew wyfe that thyrtyne children had: Whearof she left alybe withe him at her departure thre, Henry, Anne & Elizabeth, whose pictures here you see. The rir daye of Auguste she decesed of Christe yt yere: \tag{1574-These litle figures standinge bie present yt nomber here:}\tag{1574-Then maried to Anne Pakyngton, his second wife she was, For whose remembrance here in tombe these lynes be lefte in brasse.

Anno Dni 1578.

Bromham, Wilts.



1579. Robert Byrkes.

How, how, who is here? H Robin of Doncaster & Margarete my fere.

That # spent, that # had: That # gaue, that # haue: That # lefte, that # loste:

Quoth Robertus Byrkes who in this world did reign Three score yeares & seuen, & yett liued not one. Ano Dni Mcccccleric,

Formerly in Old Doncaster Church.



1580. Thomas Tuffer.

Here Chomas Cusser clad in earth doth lye, Chat some tyme made The Points of Husbandrie; By him then learne thou maiest, here learne we most, When all is done, we sleepe, & thrue to dost: And yet, through Christe, to heaven we hope to goe; Who reades his bookes, shal tinde his fayth was soe.

S. Mildred's, Poultry.



1581. Thomas Eyer.

The life & lead may witnesse of my beathe

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D happpe I whilst pet I haled breathe,

A ore now, pea happye in pe beste begre.

A s first & liued full fourescore peares to dpe,

so laste & dped to liue eternally.

E nsbe that sample which I haue Begone,

Dou that liue pett, bee fathers to pe poore,

E nforce pourselbes to door as I have boune,

B emember Desbs allso hath a doore.

Burnham, Bucks.



1581. John Brinckhurst.

Ft Mosa mane biget, tamen et mor bespere languet, Dic homo banescit; nunc est, nunc desinit esse.



1583. William Denham.

Man's Lyle on Erthe is as tob saythe A Warfare & a Coyle

Where nought is won when all is done But an bneertaine tople.

Of thinges moste baine for hys longe paine Dothynge to him is lette:

Det bertue sure doth still endure And cannot be berefte.

Beholde & see a Proofe by mee That did eniope my Breathe

Sirtie fowre peare as may appeare And then gaue place to Bethe.

Of Company of Goldesmithes free, William Benham calde by name,

I was lyke you, & Erthe am nowe, As you shal bee the same.

Milliam Benham whose pyctur in pe wall Ingraued in brasse pou sppe Vnder this stone sleppnge in Criste An reste & peace doeth lpe.

Thorpe, Surrey.



1584. John Daye, a Printer.

Heere lies the DATE that darknes could not blynd when popish fogges had over east the sunne. This DATE the cruell night did leave behind. To biew and shew what bloudi ACTES weare donne, he set a FOX to wright how Martyrs runne. By death to lyfe: FOX bentured paynes & health: To give them light DATE spent in print his wealth.

But God with gapn retorned his wealth agapne And gave to him: as he gave to the poore, Two wybes he had pertakers of his payne, Als was the last encreaser of his stoore, who mourning longe for being left alone, Bet bpp this toombe, herself turned to a STONE.

Little Bradley, Suffolk.

1 She remarried to a person called Stone.



1584. Theophilus Cave.

Here in this grave there lies one CAVE;
Whe call a cave a grave.
If cave be grave, & grave be cave
Then reader judge f crave
Whether doth CAVE lipe in this grave
Or grave here lipe in cave;
If grave in cave here buried lipe,
Then grave where is the victory?
Or reader and report
Here lipes a CAVE
Who conquers death
And buries his own grave.

Barrow-on-Soar, Leic.



1584. Alis Walker.

Whose soule (no doubte) hath pearsede pe cloudes & skalde the empire skies

whose deathe resoundinge echoes shewde wt piteous plaintes & cries

whoe lately like a fruitfull bine at table as she had beene like olibe branches rounde aboute her children might haue seene:

she pesterdaie in goode estate these blessinges did behoulde, to daie here couerd lieth w' earthe as with her fatall moulde, the Lorde & giver of these fruites decrede pt shoulde be soe, even by the meanes he thus her blest, to work her jopfull woe: soe now pt wombe pt fruitfull was in peeldinge fruite decaied is made a place & foode for wormes, loe, thus man's parte is plaied.

such is the tickle state of man, th'bncertaine lott of life, noe sooner spune by Lachese handes but cutte wt Atrops knife.

Beparted this Life in pe Lorde in pe calends of Januarie, beinge after some computatio pe first daie of pe pere of or Lorde one Chousande fine hundred fourescore & four, the 44 years of her age.

Barford S. Martin, Wilts.



1585. John Coffer.

Christ is to me as life on earth and death to me is gaine, Because k trust through him alone saluation to obtaine. So brittle is the state of man, so soone it doth decay, So all the glory of this world must pas & fade away.

Wilton, Wilts.

[Also at Tiddeswell, Derbysbire, 1579.]



1586. Anne Venard.

Of pt be lawfull for a rural penne to write of matters touching heavenlye power. or to reueibe a greate complainte for them whose bertuous deedes haue gaind in happy howre a place with God. Then giue me leaue to tell of suche a losse whose lpke hath neere befell : Anne Venard shee whose corps interred here, whose soule in blisse whose bertues liue one earth. A mother thrice, pea, thrice a mother deare, whose godlye lyfe a bridgde by fatall death makes mee complagne. And from a sighing hearte tooe wish that place (thoughe not by my deserte.) Whilste she did liue her uertues lykewise lyued: Bowe shee is deade they are againe reuiud. Cache one that knewe hir sand shee liud to dpe, And pet, now deade hir praise they ratifpe. This me contents hope says that wee shall meete With totall top in throane of heavenly seate.

Mors mortis morti mortem nisi morte bedisset Aeternae bitae Janua clausa foret. An: 1586.

S. Edmund's, Salisbury.



1586. Sir Philip Sidney.

England, Petherland, the Peauens, and the Arts, The Souldiers and the World have made sire parts Of Poble Sidney: for who will suppose That a small heape of stones can Sidney enclose?

England hath his Body, for she it fed, Betherland his Bloud in her belence shed: The Reauens have his Soule, the Arts have his Fame, The Souldiers the Griefe, the World his Good Dame.

Formerly in Old S. Paul's.



1590. Elizabeth Poticary.

Heare shee enterred lyes, depriu'd of breath,
Whose light of vertue once on earth did shyne:
Who life contemn'd, ne feared gastly death,
Whom worlde, ne worldly cares coulde cause repine,
Resolu'd to dye, with hope in heauen placed,
Her Christe to see, whom lyuinge shee embraced.
In prayer feruent, still in zeale most strong,
In deathe delighting God to magnifye:

Pf. 13. How long wilt thou forgett mee Lord, this songe, In greatest panges was her sweete harmonye, Forget thee? no! he will not thee forget; In booke of lyse for aye thy name is set.

Elizabeth Poticary, wife to Hierom Poticary, clothier, Deceased at ye age of 35 yeres, 9° Aplis A° Dni 1590.

Stockton, Wilts.



1590. Florens Caldwell, Esquire.

Earth goes to

Earth treads on
Earth as to

As mold to mold
Glittering in gold
Returne ne're shoulde

Earth as to Returne ne're shoulde Earth shall to Goe ere he wolde

Earth vpon
Confider may
Earth goes to
Earth though on
EARTH
Be flovt & gay

Earth though on

Earth fhall from

EARTH

Be flovt & gay

Paffe poore away.

Be mercifull and charitable Reliue the poore as thou art able: A Shrowd to thy graue Is all thou shalt haue.

S. Martin's, Ludgate.

1590. Laurence Hyde.

Quidquid eras terrae morbo cofect' & annis Concidit, et factu est terra quod ante suit: Viuet at aeternu pars ducta ab origine coeli Mens generosa, nitens, sancta, recepta deo. Cu tuba terribilis iusti vocitarit ad aulam Sorte necis spreta, viuet utruqt polo.

Here lyeth the bodye of Laurence Hyde, late of Westhatch, Esquire, who had issue by Anne his Wyse sixe sonnes & source daughters, and dyed the vij day of June, in the yeare of the Incarnation of our Lord God 1590.

BEATI QUI MORIUNTUR IN DOMINO.

Tifbury, Wilts.



1590. Henry Dypforde.

Thou mortall man yt wouldest attayne The happie haven of heavenlye rest Prepare thyself: of graces all Fayth and repentance is the best.

Berry Pomeroy, Devon.

[Also at Totnes, and at Eton.]



1590. William Button, Esquire.

THIS WAS BVT-ONE THOUGH TAKING ROOME FOR THREE RELIGION, WISDOME, HOSPITALITIE:

BVT SINCE HEAVE GATE TO ENTER BY IS STRAIGHT

HIS FLEASHES BURDE HEERE HE LEFT TO WAIT

TIL Y" LAST TRUPE BLOWE OPE Y" WIDE GATE

TO GIVE IT ENTRACE TO Y" SOVLE ITS MATE.

Alton-Priors, Wilts.



1591. John Orgen.

In God is my whole truft. I. O. 1591.
Iohn Orgen and Helen his wife.
As I was so be ye: as I am you shall be.
What I gaue, that I have,
What I spent, that I had:

What I gaue, that I have. What I spent, that I had: Thus I count all my cost, That I lest, that I lost.

S. Olave's, Hart Street.



1592. Thomas Walker.

Man's life betimes, trie it who shall, Shall finde noe tyme in it to trust: Sometime to climbe, sometime to fall, Till life of man be brought to dust.

All Hallows, Lombard Street.



1592. George Bastel.

HEIR . LIETH . ANE . HONARABIL . MAN . GEORG .

FIFE . FOSTRING . PEACE . ME . BRED .

FROM . THENCE . THE . MERCE . ME . CALD .

TO . BYDE . HIS . BATTELS . BALD .

VERIED . VITH . VARES . AND . SORE . OPPREST .

DEATH . GAVE . TO . MARS . THE . FOIL .

AND . NOV . I . HAVE . MORE . QVIET . REST .

THAN . IN . MY . NATIVE . SOYL .

FIFE . MERCE . MARS . MORT . THESE . FATAL . FOVR .

AL . HAIL . MY . DAYS . HAS . DRIVEN . OWR .



BASTEL . WHO . DEPARTED . 4 . JAN. . 1592.

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1592. John Morgan.

OF + YOVR + CHERITI + PRAYE + FOR + Y*

SOVLE + OF + IOHN + MORGAN + GENTLEMAN + A

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Knook, Wilts.

[Probably the latest instance of "Praye for ye sowle."]



1592. Elizabeth, Widow of John Skory, Bishop of Hereford.

Beati mortui qui domino moriuntur.

Her corps heere lyes in cheft,
Her soule in heauen now liues,
And she enioyes that rest
Which God to his saintes giues:
For in Christ did she trust,
That he will her restore.
Againe out of the dust,
To liue for euermore.

S. Leonard's, Shoreditch.



1593. John Truslowe.

Come nere my friends, behould and see Suche as I am suche shall you bee: As is my state within this tombe
So must yours be before the doome.
For all men must by God's decree
Once taste of deth as ye see me.
Where fore in time Remember dethe
Before you lose your vitall breth.

John Trustowe here interred is, And lyeth in this graue: Which unto me large benefits Most bountifully gaue. The race he liued here on earth Was threescore yeares & seuen, Deceast in Aprill 93 and then Was prest to heauen. He havinge then no issue lefte His liuinge wholly gaue To Richard Trustowe of his name, For so he would it haue. Who in remembrance of the gyuer This Tombe hath caused to be Within this Church of Avebvrie Erected as you see.

Per Richardum Trossowe haeredem adoptivum & executorem dicti Johannis 18 Aprilis 1593.

The bodye of John Troslowe here doth rest, Who dying did his soule to heven bequest: His faith in Christ most stedfastly was set, In sured hope to satisfie his debte. A liuely theame to take example by, Contemning dethe in hope a Sainte to dye.

Avebury, Wilts.

[These latter verses are frequently found about this date.]



1594. William Kerwin, "of the Cittie of London, Freemason."

Aedibus attalicis, londinum qui decoravi; Me duce surgebant aliis regalia tecta Exiguam tribuant hanc mihi fata domu. Me duce conficitur, offibus vrna meis.

S. Helen's, Bishopsgate.



1594. R. Scarleit.

You see old Scarleit's picture stand on hie,
But at your feet there doth his bodye lie:
His grauestone doth his age & death-time shew,
His office by these tokens ye may know.
Second to none for strength & sturdy limme,
A Scar-babe mighty, voice & visage grimm:
Hee had interred two Queenes within this place,
And this Towne's housholders in his life's spase
Twice over. But at length his own time came,
What hee for others did, for him the same
Is done. No doubt his soule doth liue for aye
In Heauen, though here his bodye's clad in clay.

JULY 2. 1594. R. S. ABTATIS 98.

Peterborough Cathedral.



1596. John Windham, Esq., & Florence his Wife.

Maritus { When changelesse fate to death did change my life, I praied it to be gentle to my wife.

Vxor { But shee who harte & hande to thee did wedd Desir'd nothyng more than thys thy bedd.

Fatum { Brought your foules that linckt were in each other To reste above, your bodyes heer togeither.

1596.

S. Decuman's, Somerset.



1596. Anne Middleton.

As Man liueth, so he dyeth:
As Tree falleth, so it lyeth:
Anne Middleton, thy life well past,
Doth argve restful blisse at last.

Obijt Anno à partu Virginis Mariae 1596 Mens. Ianuar. die 11. Anno Reg. Reginae Elizabethae, 39. Aetatis suae 54. S. Matthew's, Friday St.



1596. Etheldreda Thornburgh.

Here before lyeth interred

Etheldred Thornburgh corps in dust.

In Lyse, at Death, styll syrmely fixed

On GOD to rest hir stedsast trust.

Hir Father Justife Carus was,

Hir Mother, Katharine his wisse,

Hir Husbande William Thornburgh was

Whilst here she ledd this mortail lyse.

Yo thyrd of Martche, a yeare of Grace

One Thowsand Fyve Hundred nyntie six,

Hir sowle departed this earthly plase:

Of aage nighe fortie yeares a six.

To whose sweet soule heavenlye Dwelling

Our Saviour grant euerlastinge.

Cartmel, Lanc.



1598. Mary Sandys.

In remembrance of whose pietie & singular vertues, the eternall loue of her hvsbande hath caused this Monument to be erected.

In Heauen her soule, in mee her loue, Her bodye resteth heere; Which is to God, was to ye worlde, To me her husbande, deere.

S. Gregory's, Norwich.



1599. Edward Grimstone.

EDWARD GRIMSTONE, THE FATHER OF RIS-HANGLIS, ESQUIER, DIED 17 MARCHE 1599.

BY TWIICE TWO KINGES & QUEENES HIS LIFE WAS GRAC'D, YET ONE RELLIGION HELD FROM FIRST TO LAST, IVSTICE HE LOV'D & TRVTH, AND COMMON GOOD, NO LESSE THAN TH' ISSVE OF HIS PRIVAT BLOODE. HIS YEARES, MORE THAN HIMSELF, DID OTHERS PLEASE FOR COUNCELL & DISCOVRSE OF WARRE AND PEACE. HIS LIFE WAS RVLE TO LIVES, HIS DEATH A MIRROR, ONE FELT NOT VAINE CARE, NOR THE OTHER TERROR.

EDWARD GRIMSTONE, THE SONNE OF BRADFIELD, ESQUIER, DIED 16 AVGVST 1610.

THE SONNE PAID TO HIS FATHER'S PARTS INCREASE WITTIE & WISE HE WAS, VS'D LAWE FOR PEACE.

WHAT FIRST HE CHUS'D FOR GOOD HE CHANGED NEVER,
HIS CARE WAS TEMPERATE, HIS ZEALE FERVENT EVER,
AND THEISE FAYER GIFTS Y' HEAVEN HIS POWERS DID
GIVE

DID MAKE THE FATHER IN THE SONNE TO LYVE.

WHER TRUTH HATH WRITT THAT ENVIE CANNOT BLOT,

THE NAME OF GRIMSTONE CANNOT BE FORGOT.

Rishangles, Suffolk.



1599. Anne Horswell.

If ever chaste or honneste godlye lyfe. Might mergt prayse of everlastynge fame. Forget not then that worthy Sternholde wyfe. Obr Hobbies' make. Ane Horswell cald by name. Frome whome alas to sone for hers here lefte Hath God her soble & bethe her lyfe byrefte.

Anno 1599.

Hursley, Hants.

[The "Hobbies" were an ancient family in those parts.]



c. 1600. — More, of Norwich.

More had I once, More would I have, More is not to be had; The first I [lost] the next is vaine, The third is too too bad. If I had vs'd with More regard, The More that I did giue, I might haue made More vse & frvit Of More while he did liue. Byt time will be recald no More, More fince are gon in briefe. Too late repentaunce yeelds no More Saue only paine & griefe. My comfort is yt God hath More Svch Mores to fend at will, In hope wherof I figh no More, Byt rest vpon him still.

Elingham, Norfolk.



1600. Sir Thomas Stanley.

Aske who lyes here, but doe not weepe:
He is not dead, he dothe but sleepe!
This stonie register is for his bones,
His same is more perpetual than these stones,
And his owne goodnesse with himselse being gone,
Shall liue when earthelye monument is none.

Not monumental stone preserves our fame,
Nor sky aspiring pyramides our name.
The memorie of him for whom this stands,
Shall outlive marbell and defacers' hands:
When all, to time's consumption shall be given,
STANLEY, for whom this stands, shall stand in heaven.

Tong, Salop.

[Said, in Sir W. Dugdale's "Visitation Book" to have been written by Shakespere.]



c. 1600. Thomas Wyseman.

Who lysts to see & knowe himselfe Maye loke vpon this glasse, And wey the beaten paths of deathe Whiche he shall one daye passe.

Which way Thomas Wyseman
With patient mynde hath gonne,
Whose bodye here as death hath charged
Lyeth couered with this stonne.

Thus dust to dust is brought againe,
The earthe shee hath her owne:
This shall the last of all men be,
Besoure the trump be blowen.

Great Waltham, Essex.



1600. Horatio Palavicene.

Here lyes Horatio Palavicene,
Who robb'd the Pope to lend the Queene.
He was a thief. A thief! thou ly'ft;
For whie? he robb'd but Antichrift.
Him Death wyth besome swept from Babram
Into the bosom of oulde Abram.
But then came Hercules with his club,
And struck him down to Beelzebub.

Babrabam, Camb.

[Quoted in Walpole's Anecdotes of Painting.]



c. 1600. Gamaliel Pye.

Mole svb hac, si fortè roges quis (Candide lector?)
Vel qualis recubat, Gamaliel Pius est.
Vita pium, nomenque pium, mors sancta piumque
Exhibet, & vita est nomine morte pius.

Christ Church, Bridewell.



1601. Leonard Smith.

Leonard Smith, Fishmonger, ended his days He feared the Lord and walked in his ways. His bodye here in earthe doth reste, His soule with Christ in Heauen is blest. The 14th day of May, Anno Dom. 1601.

S. Nicholas, Cole Abbey.



1603. William Benson.

Heere th' earthly part of William Benson lyes,
Whome Robert Benson had by Mary Lyle.
The heauenlye movnted is above ye skies
With winges of Fayth, dissolu'd but for a while:
The linnen which he sold was nere so white
As is ye Robe wherein ye Sovle is dight,
Yett Thomas movenes in black, his onely sonne,
And Richard (of whole blood,) his eldest brother:
But London's reuerend Bishop this hath done,
Which was by Rauis borne of the same Mother:
And William Lyle, first cousen to them all,
Long liue his uerse, penn'd this Memoriall.
Hee departed in ye 56 yeare of his age. An. Dom. 1603.



1603. Richard Aldworth & Elizabeth his Wife.

My Turtle gone, all ioy is gone from mee, Ile mourne awhile, and after flee: For time brings youthfull Youths to age, And age brings Death, our Heritage.

They lived maried togeather 44 yeares. Their race is runne, and Heaven is wonne.

S. Andrew's, Holborn.

S. Olave's, Southwark.



1604. Sir Henry Goodyere.

An ill yeare of a GOODYER vs bereft Who gon to God, much lacke of him here left: Fyll of good gifts, of bodye and of mynde, Wyse, comlie, lernede, eloquent, and kinde.

Hadley, Middlesex.



1604. Dean Eedes.

Viator ad tumulum de reverendissimo viro domino RICHARDO EEDES olim hujus Ecclesiae Decano.

Ede, quis hic? Eedes. Cur hic? Quia praefuit Aedi,
Haec Domino qualis visa? Beata Domus.

Ede gradum? Doctor. Qualis? Sacer Oxoniensis.

Tamne pius vita quam fuit ore? Fuit.

Cur lapis et loqueris? Sub me jacet orphea vincens.

Iste facit plusquam, saxa movere, loqui.

Cur lapis et lacrimas? Jacturam desteo tantam.

Eja! viatorem me quoque slere facis.

Worcester Cathedral.



1605. Frances Croke, "the loued & beloued wife of Paulus Ambrosius Croke."

Wellborne she was, but better borne againe, Her first birth to the sless did make her debtor, The latter in the Spirit, (by Christ,) hath set her Freed from slesses's debtes, Death's first & latter gaine: Wives pay no debtes whos Husbands live & reigne.

S. Katharine-Cree.



1607. Nicolas Luttrell.

If long consuming sicknesse be a deathe,

I was long dead before I gaue my breathe:

Byt if in hopefull issue parents liue,

I'm not halfe dead, my beste part doth surviue:

Ther's noe life lost, my progeny hath this,

My sovle a better life enjoyes in blisse.

NICHOLAS LUTTRELL. 1607.

Stoke S. Nectan, (Hartland,) Devon.



1608. Thomas Sothertone.

Under this cold marbell fleepes He for whom even marbell weepes His name lives here in good men's hearts Whilst Heaven enjoies his better parts. The race of fyftye yeares and three His lyfe ran oute religiouslye. Of gentill blud more worthy merrit Whose brest enclosed an humbell sperrit. Oh! death—thow hast the boddy wone Of worthy Thomas Sothertone. His vertues 'bove thy power is rayled And shall while tyme dooth last bee praysed. Hir one yeare's Father Norweb chose him And wyshed that shee myght never lose him So deare a friend unto hir state Is reft from hir by cruell fate. But 'twas decreed all that hath breth Must pass ye wombe to grave by deth: So all must tread ye path that hee hath done And by deth follow worthy Sothertone. Obiit. May 12. 1608.

S. John Maddermarket, Norwich.



1608. Thomasin Petre.

Heere underlyeth Thomasin Godolphin, The Wife of Thomas Petre, Gentlem: who dyed the ix of Septr. 1608.

She was to God and Hvsbande trewe A mirror for all wyves to veiwe: The poore, the lame, the sicke & needy, She did releeve most liberally: She lyved so good and godlye lyse, As never wronged man, maid, or wyse: And made so good and godlye ende, As none the same on earth may mende.

Formerly at Okehampton, Devon.



1608. Thomas Leake.

Here rests T. Leake whos vertues were so known In all these parts, that this engraued stone Needs navght relate bythis vntimely ende, Which was in single sight: whysse youth did lende His ayde to ualor, hee wth ease orepast Many slyghte dangers greater than this laste. Byt wilfull sate in these things gouerns all. He towld out threescore yeares before his fall: Much of wth tyme hee wasted in this wood, Much of his wealth, and laste of all his blood.

1608. Feb. 4.

Blidworth, Hants.



1609. John Roope.

Twas not a winded or a withered face, Nor long gray hares, nor dimness in the eyes, Nor feble limbs, nor vncoth trembling pace, Presadg'd his death that here intombed lies: His time was come, his Maker was not bounde To let him liue till all theis marks were founde: His time was come, that time he did embrace With sence & feeling, with a joyfull herte, As his best passage to a better place, Where all his cares are ended, & his smarte. This Roope was bleste that trusted in God alone: He lives twoe lives where others live but one.

S. Petrock's, Dartmouth.



1609. Sir William Stone, Knight.

As the Earth the Earth doth couer,
So vnder this Stone lyes another.
Sir William Stone, who long deceased
Ere the world's loue him released,
So much it lou'd him, for they say
He answer'd death before his day,
Byt tis not so, for he was sought
Of one that him both made and bought.
He remain'd the great Lord's treasure,
Who called for him at his pleasure,
And receiv'd him. Yet be't sayd
Earth grieu'd that heaven so soone was payd.

Heere likewise lyes inhumed in one bedde, Dame Barbara, the wel beloved wife Of this remembred Knight: whose soules are fled From this dimme Vale to everlasting life.

Where no more change, nor no more separation Shall make them slye from their blest habitation.

Graffe of leuitie, Span in breuitie, Flowers felicitie, Fire of miferie, Windes stabilitie, is mortalitie. Their riches were like corne lent to the field,

What it receiv'd, it manifold did yield.

Their bodies have a grave their virtues none:

But shall with time grow greene when they are gone.

decay as flowers:

One gone, their good

is, Lo, heere they flood,

So transitory

is our glory.

Stone walls, brass towers,

S. Mary Magdalene, Milk Street.



1609. Edward Sherland.

Here lyeth the Body of *Edward Sherland*, of Gray's Inn, Esqre, descended from the antient family of *Sherland* in the Isle of Sheppey, in Kent; who lived the whole of his life a single man, and dyed in this parish the 13th of May, 1609.

Tombes have no vse, vnlesse it be to showe
The due respect which friend to friend doth owe.
Tis not a mausolean monument
Or hireling epitaph that doth prevent
The flux of same: a painted sepulcher
Is but a rotten trustlesse treasure,
A fair gate to oblivion.
But he whose life, whose euerie action,
Like well-wrought stones and pyramides, erecte
A monument to honour and respecte,
As this man did; he needs none other herse,
Yet hath byt due, hauing both tombe and verse.

Elmset, Suffolk.



1610. Magdalen Curson.

She that lyes heere wthin this gloomy grave
Enioyd all vertues that a minde covlde have
Let this suffice thee then in breife to know
She once was such as thou mayst reade belowe.
Lord Dormer's daughter, St John Curson's wife
To whom soure sonns & daughter twoe she bore
Belou'd of all she liud yet chang'd this life
For such a life as neuer shall change more
A magdalen by name, a Saint by grace
Dy'de much bewaylde & buried in this place.
Then happye she who such a life did leade
As she nowe liues anewe though she is deade.

Waterpery, Oxon.



1611. Anne Gibson.

Mentis vis Magna.

What, is she dead? doth hee surviue?
No, both are dead, and both aliue.
She liues, hee's dead, by love, through grieuinge:
In him, for her, yet dead, yet liuing.
Both dead and liuing? then what is gone?
One halfe of both, not any one.

One Mind, one Faith, one Hope, one Graue: \\
In Life, in Death, they had, & ftill they haue. \\
Amor coniugalis aeternus.

S. Alban's, Wood Street.



1611. Barne Roberts.

If humane worth could have preserved him still, He had been much too strong for death to kill. Yet being conquered, he got, by the strife, A better being in a better life:

So that great victor over nature leste him More happinesse tennesold then he berest him.

S. Stepben, Coleman Street.



1612. Dr. Low.

Stay passenger, and view this stone,
For vnder it lys svch an one,
Who cvr'd many while he liv'd,
So graciovs he no man griev'd.
Yea, when his physic's force oft fail'd,
His pleasant pyrpose then preval'd.
For of his God he got the Grace
To live in mirth and dye in peace.
Heav'n has his sovl, his corps this stone,
Sigh passenger, and then begone.

High Kirk, Glafgow.



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1612. Catherine Mountague.

VV hat Epitaph shall we afford this Shrine?
VV ords cannot grace this Piramid of thine:
Thy sweet perfections, all symm'd up, were sych,
As heauens (I thinke) for faith did thinke too myche
Religious Zeale did thy pyre heart command,
Pitie thin eie, & Charitie thy hand:
These Graces, ioyn'd with more of like degree,
Make each man's word an Epitaphe for thee.
Calm was thy death, well order'd was thy life,
A carefyll mother, & a louinge wife.
Ask anie, how those Vertyes in thee grewe?
Thou wast a SPENCER and a MOUNTAGUE.

S. Buttolph's, Aldersgate.

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1612. John & Jane Pearse.

Here lie the corpes of JOHN and JANE his wife Surnamed PEARSE, whom death bereaved of life. O! lovely PEIRCE, vntill death did them call They obiectes were to love in generalle. Living, they lived in fame & honestie Dieing, they left both to their progenie. Alive & dead al-waies their charitie Hath, doth & will, help helpless povertie. By nature they were two, by love made one By death made two again, with mournful mone. O! crvell death, in turning odde to even Yet bleffed death in bringing both to Heaven. On earth they had one bed, in earth one toombe And now their foules in Heaven enjoy one roome. Thus PEARSE, being peirced by death, doth peace obtaine O! happie PEIRCE fince peace is PEARSE'S gaine.

He dyed the 10th day of December 1612. She dyed the 31st day of Julie 1582.

Bigbury, Devon.



1612. John Rychards.

ΙĖS Anno Domi. 1612.

Heare lyeth John Rychards under this wall, A faythfull true servant to Turvey old Hall; Page to the first Lord Mordaunt of fame, Servaunt to Lewes, Lord Henry, & John: Paynfull & carefull & just to them all, Til death toke hys lyffe.

God have mercie of hys foule! Amen.

Turvey, Beds.



1613. Jane Gee.

An epitaph of Edward Gee Parson of this Church bypon the death of his most deare wife Jane Gee who deceased the 21 day of Beptember, 1613.

That in Homenaeus' Jookes & neare had been enrould, Woe worth alas, my light, my Jane, lies here iclad in mould: Scarce ten peares had we libde in bliss, but death reft Jane

Enbious Beath woe worth mp light, mp Jane, lies here in

Pere Dane thou lyth, to whom Admet' wolle bnequal was: In faithfulness Penelope thou diddest far surpasse.

Beber was woman to her spouse or to her imps more kind, A more godlye & modest one than thee no ma could finde.

Therefore a happy soule in peace eternally remayne

In hebens high, where thou dost in the blessed kingdom rapne, Det shall thy features, @ my Jane, out of my heart then slyde, Withen beasts from field, & fishes all out of pe seas shall glyde,

Henceforth I will no more alight bpon a fair green tree, But as the turtle wo has lost his deare mate I will be.

Tedburn S. Mary, Devon.

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1613. Sir James Pemberton, Knt.

Vertue & Death being both enamoured On worthy *Pemberton*, In heate of Loue To be possessed what each coueted Thus did they dialogue, & thus they stroue.

Vertue . VVhat Vertue challengeth, is but her right.

Death . VVhat Death layer claim to, who can contradict?

Vert . . Vertue whose power exceeds all other might.

Dea . . Wher's Vertue's power when Death makes all fubmit?

Vert . . I gaue him life, & therfore hee is mine.

Dea . . That life he held no longer than I list.

Vert . . I made him more than mortall, neere Diuine.

Dea . . How hapt he could not then Death's stroke resist?

Vert . . Because (by nature) all are borne to dye.

Dea . . Then thine owne tongue yeelds Death the victory.

Vert . . No Death, thou art deceiv'd, thy enuious stroke
Hath giuen him life immortall, 'gainst thy will.

Dea . . VVhat life can be but vanisheth as smooke?

Vert . . A life that all thy darts can never kill.

Dea . . Haue I not lockt his body in the graue?

Vert . . That was but duste, & that I prey thee kepe.

Dea.. That is as much as I defire to haue, His comely shape in my eternall sleepe.

Vert . . But wher's his honourable life, renowne & fame:

Dea . . They are but breathe, them I refign to thee.

Vert. Them moste I couet. Dea. I prefer my claime. His body mine. Vert. Mine his Eternity.

And so they ceast. Death triumphs o're his graue, Vertue o're that which Death can never haue.

S. John Zachary.1

¹ This was one of the City Churches not rebuilt after the Great Fire.



1613. Anne Ferrar, aet. 21.

Here was a Bud, beginning for her May:
Before her flower, Death tooke her hense away.
But for what cause? That friends might ioy the more.
Where their hope is, she flourisheth now before.
She is not lost, but in those ioyes remaine,
Where friends may see, & ioy in her againe.

S. Benet-Sherehog.

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1613. An epitaph upon Anthony Cooke who deceased upon Ester Monday, anno dom. 1613.

At the due sacrifice of the Paschall Lambe,
Aprill had eayght dayes wept in showrs, the cam
Leane hungrie Deathe who never pitty tooke,
And 'cawse ye Feaste was ended slew this Cooke.
On Ester-Monday he lyves then no daye more,
But svnke to rise wt Him that rose before.
Hee's heere entombed, A man of vertues' line
Outreche his yeares, yet they were seaventy nyne.
Hee lest on earth tenn Children of eleaven
To keepe his Name whilste himselse went to Heauen.

S. Peter's, Yoxford.

1613. Izan Edwards.

Vertue is not dead.

The soule in Heauen, the bodye here, of Izan lyes, By her John Edwards good, & by her Parents bothe: She deare to all her three, that liuing, still she cryes Lay me by them, for other graue I loathe. Oh God! that heardst the crie of this thy creature, Make Izans many, in Vertue, Grace, and Feature.

As Loue (in Life) conioyn'd vs once, And God (by Death) difioyn'd vs twaine: So Loue (by Death) reioyn'd ovr bones, And God (in Ioy) ioyn'd vs againe.

All Hallows, Lombard St.



1613. Lady Mary Salter, wife of Sir W. Salter, one of her Majesty's cupbearers, & daughter of Thos. Sherland of Suffolk.

Here the earthly mansion of a heavenly mind,
A worthy Matron's mortal part, is shrin'd.
More might be said, if any tombe or stone
Were large enough for her inscription.
But words are bootles, more elegies hurl'd
Upon her hearse were vaine, for to the world,
Like a vain glorious gamster, 'twould but boast
Not what it hath, but what it has lost;
And making her lyse knowne, would cause my seare
'Twas greater than vertue's strength would beare.

Iver, Bucks.



1614. Mary Travers.

Here lyes a Mary, mirror of her sexe,
For all that best their soules or bodies decks,
Faith, forme, or fame, the miracle of youth,
For zeale & knowledge of the sacred Truth,
For frequent reading the whole Holy Writ,
For feruent prayer, & for practice sit,
For meditations, svll of vse & art,
For humblenesse in habite & in heart,
For pious, prudent, peacefull, praisefull life,
For all the vertues of a christian wise;
For patient bearing seuen dead-bearing throwes,
For one aliue, which yet dead with her goes.
From Travers her deare spovse, her father Hayes,
Lord Maior, more honored in her vertuous praise.

Quam pie obijt puerpera die octauo martij Anno Aetatis 29. Anno Salutis 1614.

S. Pancrate, Needler's Lane.



1614. Sir Thomas Overbury, his epitaph.

The span of my daies measur'd, heare I rest, That is my Bodye; but my Soule his guest Is hense assended whither neither Tyme, Nor Faythe nor Hope: but onelie Loue can Clyme. Where beinge nowe enlighten'd Shee doeth knowe The Trueth of all men argve of belowe. Onelie this Dvst doeth heare in pawne remaine, That when the Worlde dissolues, Shee com agayne.

Thomas Overbury.

1614.



1614. Richard & Mary Bluett of Holcombe-Rogus.

NOR GOODNES, NOR DESERT, MUST HOPE TO HAVE A PRIVILEDGE OF LIFE AGAINST THE GRAVE, FOR THOSE LIE HERE INTOMBD: DEATH DID HIS BEST, IT CHANGED BUT HOURES OF TOYLE FOR HOURES OF REST; WHICH THIS GOOD MAN HATH FOUND. HIS FAITH MADE WAY

TO HEAVEN BEFORE: HIS WORKES STILL DAY BY DAY NOW FOLLOW HIM. SUCH GRACE DOTH MERCY GIVE, AND WHO LIVES WELL TO DYE, DYES WELL TO LIVE. NASCENDO C MORIUR MORIEDO RENASCIMUR.

A MYRROR OF HER KIND; HER HUSBAND & HER CHILDREN'S GOOD,

HER LYKE IS RARE TO FIND. GODLY, CHASTE, AND HOSPITABLE, A HOUSEWIFE RARE WAS SHE;

A MODEST MATRON HERE DOTH LIE YE POORE SHE OFTEN WOULD RELIEVE, YET WOULD NOT WASTEFUL BE HER DEATH A PATERN WAS TO DIE HER LIFE WAS GOOD LIKEWISE; HER LIFE & DEATH ASSUER HER FRIENDS, THAT SHE TO JOY SHALL RYSE.

VIXI IN ERETO MORIOR IN PORTU.

Holcombe-Rogus, Devon.



1614. Dorothea Doddridge.

As when a curpous clocke is out of frame A workman takes in peeces small the same And meding what amisse is to be found The same rejopnes and makes it trews & sound So God this Ladge into two partes tooke Too soon her soule her mortall corse forsooke But by his mighte att length her bodie found Shall rise rejoynd unto her soule new crownd Till then they rest in earth and heave sundred Att which conjoynd all such as live we the wondred.

Exeter Cathedral.



1614. Juliana Osborne.

BONIFANT a Virgin; OSBORNE a loyall wife For thirty yeares; a Widdow was fourty and more. A hundred yeares almoste she lead her life, Kinde to the riche and good to the poore. Here lyes her dust whose soule's to Heauen gone, Since she did liue and dye a saintlike one.

Clyst S. George, Devon.



1615. Robert Kerwin.

ROBERT KERWIN now here doth lie, A man of proved honestie: Whose sowle to heaven hense did slie, To enjoy Christ his selicitie, The seaventh of Februarie. 1615.

Penshurst, Kent.



1615. John Wally.

In spe resvrrectionis hic jacet corpvs Johannis Wally, qvonda: maior huivs civitatis: qvi obiit 4to die Aprilis.

Those blufteringe storms, which threat the blessed peace
Of virtues soule, nere her departure cease,
Like missie vapours which obscure the sun,
Yet often vanish ere his course be done;
True worth hath wings to beare her spotless name
Above the reach of ill-begotten same.
Witnesse the aged tenant of this tombe,
Whose harmless life was subject to the doome
Of headstrong rashness; but since here he lay,
Error's reversed, and truth hath got the day:
In heaven, kind reader, is his spirit bless,
Bless thou his name, and let his body rest.
Anno domini 1615.

Bath Abbey.



1616. Henry Airay, Provost.

Ignis et afflantes pvrgarent A E R A venti Transitvs in coelvm promptior inde patet.

Queen's College, Oxford.



1616. Anne Andrews.

Nicholas Andrews to his dearest wife Anne doth this last office of loue; for she was

Religious Louing Chaste Faire Discreet Gbedient

She liued but 25 yeeres, & dyed at Chigwell, in Essex, the 12 day of June, 1616: and was heer vnder interred (in great forrow) the Thursday following: leauing behind her liuing two sonnes, William & Nicholas.

All Hallows Barking.



1616. William Crowche.

Loe thus he died, for vaine and fraile is flesh; Yet liues his soule (by faith) in endlesse blisse, By Faith in Christ; whose grace was so enlarged, That by his bloud, man's sinne he hath discharged.

S. Dunstan's in the West.



1616. William Shakspeare.

IVDICIO PYLIVM, GENIO SOCRATEM, ÁRTE MARONEM. TERRA TEGIT, POPVLVS MAERET, OLYMPVS HABET.

STAY PASSENGER, WHY GOEST THOV BY SO FAST,
READ IF THOV CANST, WHOM ENVIOUS DEATH HATH PLAST
WITHIN THIS MONVMENT, SHAKSPEARE, WITH WHOME
QVICK NATURE DIDE: WHOSE NAME DOTH DECK Y' TOMBE,
FAR MORE THEN COST: SIEH ALL Y' HE HATH WRITT
LEAVES LIVING ART BYT PAGE TO SERVE HIS WITT.

OBIIT ANO. DO 1616.

ABTATIS 53. DIE 23 AP.

North wall of Chancel.

On the Gravestone.

GOOD FREND, FOR IESVS SAKE FORBEARE TO DIGG THE DVST ENCLOASED HERE BLESE BE YE MAN YE SPARES THES STONES AND CVRST BE HE YE MOVES MY BONES.

Stratford-on-Avon.



1616. Richard Randall, one of the Governors of Christ's Hospital.

No cause to mourne, though here he lye,
 That gave to many cause to cry:
 For though his body turne to dust,
 His Soule doth liue among the iust.

S. Mary Summersett.



1617. John Stone, a Freemason.

On our great Corner-Stone this Stone relied For bleffing on his building, louing most To build God's temples; in works he dyed, And liued the temple of the Holy Ghost. In whose hard life is proued an honest fame, God can of Stones raise seed to Abraham.

Sidbury, Devon.



1617. John Sherman.

Under this monument lyes one Did good to many, hurt to none: Friended the rich, relieved the poor, Was kind to all—who can do more? That loved Hospitality, Yet hated Prodigality.

Ottery-S .- Mary, Devon.

[Part of a very long one.]



1617. Sir Charles Cavendish.

Charles Cavendish to his Sonnes.

Sonnes, seek not me among these polish'd stones, Those only hide part of my sless and bones; Which did they here so neat or proudly dwell, Will all be dust, and may not make me swell.

Let such as have outliv'd all praise

Trust in the toombs their carefull friends do raise:

I made my life my monument, and yours,

To which there's no material that endures;

Nor yet inscription like it. Write but that,

And teache your nephews it to emulate;

It will be matter loud enough to tell

Not when I died, but how I liv'd. Farewell.

Bolfover, Derb.



1618. John Bonner.

The Epitath of John Bonner.

Heare lyeth intombed John Bonner by name, Sonne of Bonner of Pebworth, from thence he came. The 17 of October he ended his daies, Pray God that wee liuinge may follow his wayes. 1618 by the yeare.

Scarce are such to be found in this Shere.

Made & sett vp by his loueing frend

Evens his kindesman, & soe I doe ende.

John Bonner senior. Thomas Evens junior. 1618.

Mickleham, Glouc.



1618. Lucy Bromfield.

The Husbande speakinge trewly of his Wife, Read his losse in hir deathe, hir praise in hir life.

Heare Lucie Quinsie Bromsielde byried lyes
With neighbours weepinge, hartes, sighes, eies,
Children eleaven, tenne liuinge, me she brought,
More kinde, trewe, chast, was noane, in deed, word, thought;
Howse, children, state, by hir was rul'd, bred, thrives,
One of the best of maides, of women, wives,
Now gone to God, hir hearte sent longe before;
In fasting, prayer, saith, hope, & almsdeedes stoare.
If anie sault, she loued mee too muche.
Ah! pardon that, for ther are too sewe sych!
Then, Reader, if thou not hard hearted bee,
Prais God for hir, byt sighe & praie for mee.

Heare by hir dead, I dead defire to lye, Till, rail'd to life, wee meet no more to dye. 1618.

Titchfield, Hants.



1619. Elizabeth & Gertrude Leigh.

To the remembrance of the two most worthie & religious Gentlewomen, his late deare & loyall uiues, Mrs. Elizabeth Bampfield who died vijth march 1615, Having bin yo Mother of 15 hopful children. And Mrs. Gartrude Parcevall who dyed childles the xxij of decembr 1619, was this monument consecrated by their louing & sorrowful husband BARNABAS LEIGH.

Since neither Penne nor Pencill can set forth
Of these two matchles Wives the matchles worth,
W'are forc't to cover in this silent Tombe
The Prayers of a chast & fruitful Wombe:
And with Death's sable vail in Darknes hide
The ritch rare Vertues of a barren Bride.
Sweet saint-like Paire of Soules in whom did shine
Such models of Persection saeminine.
Such pietie, Love, Zeale, that tho' we sinners
Their Lives have lost: Yet still themselves are winners.
For they, secure, Heaven's Happines inherit,
Whilst we lament their Losse, admire their Merit.

Arreton, I. of Wight.

1 He bad married a 3rd wife at the date of eretting this.



1619. Elizabeth Leigh.

The religious & Vertuous Ladie, ELIZABETH LEIGH, Daugh¹ of JOHN DINGLEY, Esqvire, late Wife of Sir JOHN LEIGH, Knight, Died ye 27 day of Octob¹ Ano. Dni. 1619. And lyeth here interred.

Sixteene a Maid & fiftie yeares a Wife Make ye Summe totall of my passed life. Longe Thred, soe finelie spunne, soe fairlie ended, That sewe shall match this Patterne, sewer mend it: What Friends, what Children, what blest Marriage, Dead I forgette; liuinge I light esteemed For thy deare Loue (O Christe) yt has redeemed My sovle from Hell; & shortlie shall vpraise This mortall Dvst, in Heaven to singe thy Praise.

Arreton, I. of Wight.



1619. William Keeling.

Here lyeth the bodye of yo right worthie WM. KEELING Esquire, Groome of yo Chamber to our Soveraign Lorde KING JAMES, General for the Hon. East India Adventurers, where he was thrice employed, & dying in this Isle at the age of 42, an: 1619, Sep: 12. hath this remembrance been fixed by his louing & sorrowfull Wise Anne Keeling.

Fortie & two yeares in this Vessell fraile
On the rough Seas of Life did Keeling saile
A Merchant fortunate, a Captaine bould.
A Courtier graciovs, yett alas! not old.
Svch Worth, Experience, Honour & high Praise
Few winne in twice soe many yeares & daies.
Bvt what yo worlde admired, he deem'd bvt drosse
For CHRIST; without Christ all his Gain bvt losse;
For Him & His deare Loue, with merrie cheere
To the Holy Land his last course hee did steere:
Faith served for Sailes, the sacred Word for Card,
Hope was his Anchor, Glorie his Reward:
And thvs with gales of Grace, by happie Venter
Through Straits of Death, Heaven's Harbour he did enter.

Carisbrook, I. of Wight.



1620. Richard Swift.

R eader knowe that this narowe earthe

I ncloseth one whose name & worthe

C an liue when marbell falls to dvste:

H onor'd abroade for wife & iuste,

A ske the Russe & Sweden, theis

R eport his prudence with theire peace.

D eare when at home, to his fayth giv'n

S teadfast as earthe, deuovt to Heaven.

W ise merchant he some storms endvr'd,

I n yo beste porte his soule secvr'd.

F or feare thou should'st forget his name

T is the first Epitaphe of fame.

Bakenham, Suffolk.



1620. Robert Longe.

The life of Mann is a trewe Lottarie,

Where venterouse Death draws forth lotts shorte & longe:
Yet free from fraude & partiall flatterie,

Hee shuft d Sheildes of seuerall size amonge,

Drewe LONGE: & soe drewe longer his short daies,
Th' Auncient of daies beyonde all time to praise.

Broughton-Gifford, Wilts.



1620. John & Berseba Taylor.

The bleffed token of the Daughter's loue,
Vnto the Father's kind and louing care,
May to the World this monument approue,
How bleffed Parents in their children are:
And bleffed God, that so his loue expresseth
Who thus both Parents & the Children bleffeth.

S. Margaret, Lothbury.



c. 1620. — Meredeth.

Life is the Day of Grace, and Death the Night; Live well, who knows when he shall loose the Light. Soe did the tenant of this tombe, for hee Made hast to purchase Immortalitie. Death, finding him receaving Cvstomes, Lookes, Tymes, Records, symde his days, and crossed the Bookes. And now the Cystomer's from Cystomes free, He paid to Nature what her Dyties bee. Scarce had hee ranne ovt halfe his race of life, When Heaven and Earth to have him were at Strife: Whose active Sovle wore out his flesh soe nigh, Twas time she should the tired corps lay by. To bad men death is fad; when good men dy, It is then Birth to ioyes eternitie: Iudg then, what hee did loose who lost byt breath, Liv'd to die well, and dyed a MEREDETH.

Non tam orba quam mortalitas finita.

[No Christian name or date.]

Marshfield, Somerfet.



1620. Sarah Haydon.

Apollo moist this tomb with tears
For such great loss in tender years.
Vertue's hope now is dead,
And fro' earth to Heaven is sled.
Wit's persection with pure spirit
Doth an Angel's place inherit.
Stay in that celestial skie,
Where thou shalt live and never die.

Ottery S. Mary, Devon.



1621. Gabriel Laurence.

With diligence & trust most exemplary
Did Gabriel Laurence serve a Prebendary.
And for his paines, (now passed before, not lost,)
Gained this remembrance at his Master's cost.
Oh! read these lines againe, you seldom find
A Servant faithful, and a Master kind.

Short-hand he wrote—his flow'r in prime did fade, And hasty Death short-hand of him hath made. Well couth he numbers, & well measured land, Thus doth he now that groud whereon you stand: Wherein he lies so geometricall, Art maketh some—but this will nature all.

Ob. Dec. 28, 1621. aetat. 29.

Westminster Cloisters.



1622. John Day, Vicar.

This portraiture presents him to thy fight Who was a burninge and a shininge light: But now, consum'd to ashes, here hee lyes Who spent himselfe to lighten others' eies.

Pinner, Middlesex.



1623. Anne Hathaway, wife of Mr. William Shakspeare.

Vbera, tum mater, tu lac vitamq dedisti
Vae mihi; protanto munera saxa dabo!
Quam mallem amoveat lapidem, bonus Angel' ore'
Exeat ut Christi corpus, imago tua,
Sed nil vota valent, venias cito Christe resurget
Clavsa licet tumulo mater, et astra petet.

Stratford-on-Avon.

[Written by Dr. John Hall.]



1623. William Bourschier, Earl of Bath.

HOC FAC ET VIVIS.

BATHON* COMTI DEVON* PRÆFECTO MEMORI* ERGO

Mors mihi lvcrvm Ana Crono Epi Bon Temps viendra Morior . Orior Gramma Finis . . Coronat

In Ad sepul tvm chrvm

Gvlielmvs Bovrchier

Ana

Lvge (fi ob lvcrvm Heri)

Quid fibi vult Tvmvlvs? quæve hæc infignia lvctûs?

Est Comes in Svperos ecce Locumq tenens!

Qvare sles, Devonia? vel, Bathonia, qvare?

EXIIt en bon teMps nVnCq VIenDra patet (Crono)

IVLIVS, hoc, mensis svit AVGVSTISSIMVS, anno

Atq SECVNDA (decem jvnge) SECVNDA dies

Non amor, invidia est, Dolor, evge, lege, ALME VIATOR,

Et disce exemplo VIVERE, disce mori,

Sic cecinit, non slevit.

Tawfock, Devon.



1623. William Penell.

This stone that couers earth & claye
Longe in ye earth vncouered laye:
Man forc't it from ye mother's wombe,
And made therof for man a tombe.
And nowe it speakes, and thus doeth saye.
The life of man is but a daye:
The daye will pass, the night must come:
Then here, poore man, is all thy roome.
The writer & the reader must,
Like this good man, be turned to duste:

He liued well, & foe doe thou: Then feare not deathe, when, where, or howe It comes: 'twill end all greiffe & paine, And make thee euer liue againe.

Lindridge, Worc.



1623.

Pastor eram, dum pastor eram: nunc fistula dulcis Nunc tuba, quâ torvum sprevit ovile lupum: Sic ductans teneros fidus cum matribus agnos Edocui juvenes, admonuique senes.

Orwell, Camb.



1623. John Hellierd.

Decimo Tertio die Decembris ano dni 1623
Of Iohn. Hellierd Gentle. who dyed this day.
Wee that are livinge have iust cavse to say
That never man dyed more Christian like death
Which to vs appeared even by his last breath.
As teresore his body doth herevnder rest
So dovbtles his sovle in heaven is blest.
For we finde in te Scriptvre by sacred record
That blessed are they who dy in the Lord.
God gravnt vs all then his mercy and grace
So to end this life that in heaven we may have place
There to remaine for ever and ever
With Abrm and Isaack and this my deare father.

Per me Na: Hellierd filium prdci iohis.

Road, Somerset.



1623. Tobie Waterhous.

Anº Dni 1623 . Ivne . 14.

Tobie Waterhous aged fowre yeares & fixe moneths full of grace & truthe As a veffell not as yo fountaine. depted this life. the youngest some

of

Tobie Waterhous Doc¹
in Divinitie
The youngest sonne of
Gregorie Waterhous Esqr
The youngest sonne of
Robert Waterhous of y⁶
Moote Hall in Hallifaxe in Yorkshire Esqr.

Elizabeth Copley Daughter of Edward Copley of Southill in Bedfordshire Esquire.

Both Life & Grace in the, fweet babe, Like paralells rann on When fudden death did feeme to make their points to meet in one,

But then on the did Life & Grace, thy paralells attend Whose equal Lenght keeps equal Bredth, Now, never meeting End.

Whitwell, Derb.



1623. William Burgoin.

Here lyes Will Burgoin, a Squire by descent, Whose death in this world many people lament:

The Rich for his love,
The Poor for his alms,
The Wife for his knowledge,
The Sick for his balms.

Grace he did love & Vice control, Earth has his Bodye & Heaven his Soule. The 12th daye of August in the morn dyed he

1 6 and 2 3.

Arlington, Devon.



1624. Humphrey Cole.

Hic jacet Humphridus carbo, carbone notandus Non nigro, creta sed meliora tua. Claruit in clero, nulli pietate secundus

Coelum vi rapuit, vi cape si poteris.

Ob: 27 Mart: 1624. aet: 77.

Tillingham, Effex.

c. 1625. On a monument erected in honour of the FORTESCUE FAMILY. At the top is an Eye surrounded by clouds, with issuant rays; beneath kneeling figures, and medallions containing busts of several generations of children.

> Stay, Reader, stay, this structure seems t' invite Thy wandering Eyes, on it to fixe thy fighte. In this Pile's summit thou majst descrie Heaven's all beholding & all guiding Eye That sheds his benediction's gracious beames Of Love & Goodness on these fruitfull streames Of numerous issue, sprong from nuptiall tyes With various antient worthy families. Here is in briefe presented to thy viewe The long liv'd race of honoured FORTESCUE Combin'd in holyest rites, on Time's faire scroll Wth CHICHESTER, then SPECCOTT, last with ROLLE.

Produce & propagate this generous Name That it may brooke what Honour gave in fielde Le fort Escue, the strong & lasting Shielde. A Shielde not only their own righte to fence But also to repell wrong's violence. Which, that it may accordingly be done Pray, Reader, pray GOD be their Shielde & Sunne. HUGO FORTESCUE, sCutiger, sVperstes, Vir Mariæ Rolle, isthoc fieri fecit, honoris causa.

And long & wide may facred Grace and Fame

Wear Gifford, Devon.



1625. Mary Holdsworth.

THE LORD GAVE
[her a pious christian
A dutiful child, an
affectionat sister, and
an obliging neighbour,
an affable indering
Friend.] THE LORD HATH
TAKEN AWAY [her a Virgin,
redeemed from among
men to be with the LAMBE.
Having the name of the
LAMBE and of his FATHER
written in her for: head.
Rev. 1.] BLESSED BE THE NAME OF
THE LORD.

South Stoneham, Hants.



1625. Sir Lawrence Tanfield.

Here shadows lie Whilst earth is sadd; Still hopes to die To him shee hadd.

In bliffe is hee
Whom I loved best;
Thrice happy shee
With him to rest.

So shall I bee With him I loved; And he with mee, And both us blessed.

Love made me poet, And this I writt; My heart did do it, And not my witt.

Burford, Oxon.

[Written by bis wife.]



1625.

Memoriæ Sacrum

LAURENTIO & MARIÆ CALDWELL conjugibus, facro fædere junctis, & duodenæ Prolis Parentibus, Quorum Uxor & Mater MARIA obiit Octobris xx. Anno Dom. 1621. Maritus & Pater LAURENTIUS Novemb. 21, 1625. Septuagenariis utrifq. Liberalibus & suis, & de suis. Hoc Sepulchrum posuere parentalis hæredes Bonitatis, Filii eorum observantissimi: Quos defunctos & Deus habet, et pauperes carendo lugent.

Omnia Ossa justi custodit Dominus.

Here is lodg'd a loving Pair,
Sleeping, rest they free from Care.
Though their journey, from their Birth,
Had been tedious long on Earth,
He that freed them from their Sin
Sent them to this holy Inn.
Joyful Requiems for to sing
Hallelujahs to their King
Til the Summons, til the Day;
Til the Trump sound Rise, Away.

S. Michael, Cornhill.



1626. John Jarret, Grocer.

Some cal'd him GARRET, but that was too high, His name was IARRET that here doth lye: Who in his life was tost on many a wave, And now he lyes anchor'd in his own grave. The Church he did frequent while he had breath, He desir'd to lye therein after his death. To heaven he is gone, the way before, Where of Grocers there is many more.

S. Saviour's, Southwark.



1627. Anne Dunche.

In honour of good Mrs. ANNE DUNCHE, Y° Charitable, Wife to good Mr. EDMUND DUNCHE, Y° Hospitable.

> Both sweetly paradis'd in Eternity: Reader, praise God, & pray for her Posterity.

> > Little Wittenham, Bucks.



1627. Ralph Tyer, Vicar.

London bred me . . . Westminster sed me
Cambridge sped me . . my sister wed me
Study taught me . . . living sought me
Learning brought me . Kendal caught me
Labour pressed me . . . sickness distressed me
Death oppressed me . . the grave possessed me
God first gave me . . . Christ did save me
Earth did crave me . . and . . heaven would have me
Kendal, Westmoreland.



1627, 8. James Hardy & Elizabeth his Wife.

Were here no Epitaph nor Monument,
Nor line, nor marble to declare the intent,
Yet goodnes hath a lastinge memorie,
The Just are like to Kinges that never dye.
Their death a passage or translation is,
An end of woes, an orient to Blisse.
Thrice happy couple that doe now posses
The fruits of thine good works & holynes,
Now God rewards theire allmes & charitye,
Theire strict observinge of Saboath's pyetie.
Here were they went to spend ther seaventhe day,
Heere was theire loue, their life, theire Heaven's way.

Here they did pray, but now they prayses singe, And God accepts their soules sweete Offeringe, Onelye their bodyes heere remaine in grounde, Waitinge the surge of the last Trumpet's sound.

Dagenham, Effex.



1628.

To the facred memory of that worthy & faithful minister of Christ Master RICHARD STOCK; who.... deceased Aprill 20, 1626, some of his loving parishioners have consecrated this monument of their never-dying loue, Jan. 28, 1628.

Thy lifeleffe Trunke
(O Reverend Stocke,)
Like Aaron's rod
Sprouts out againe;
And after two
Full winters past,
Yields Blossomes
And ripe fruit amaine.
For why, this work of pietye,
Performed by some of thy Flocke
To thy dead corpse and sacred vrne,
Is but the fruit of this old Stocke.

All Hallows, Bread Street.



1629. Marya Arundell.

Manya Arundell—Man a dry Laurel
Man to the marigold compar'd may bee,
Men may be liken'd to the laurell tree:
Both feede the eye—both please the optic sense;
Both soone decaye—both suddenly sleete hence;
What then infer you from her name but this
Man sades away—Man a dry Laurell is.

Duloe, Cornwall.



1629. Richard Best.

If, Who lyes here? thou dost enquire, Reade, and soe haue thy desire.

Richard Best his name, and free
O' th' Haberdashers' companye.
Yo priveledg of Merchauntes hee
Did clayme with yo like libertye.
The yeares that here he passed ore
Wanted byt one of sowerscore:
Fourty yeares hee abroad did toyle,
The rest he spent in his owne soyle.
Free from wedlocke, care, or stryse,
Hee wedded was to single life.
To haue more spoke hee did deserve
Byt 'twas his will that this should serve.

Hee dyed ye 26 of Aprill 1629.

Geddington, Northants.



1630. Ellen Refon.

The Charnel mounted on the W
Sits to be seen in Funer
A Matron plain, Domestic
In care and pains continu
Not slow, not gay, nor prodig
Yet neighbourly and hospit
Her children vii yet liuing
Her 67th yeare hence did c
To rest her bodye natur
In hope to rise spiritu

ALL.

Hadleigh, Suffolk.



1630. Humphrey Brown.

Humphrey Brown, Mercht. ob: March 22, 1630. Also Elizabeth his Wife, daughter of George White of this Citie, Merchant.

Here lyes a BROWN, a WHITE, ye colours one, Pale drawn by death, here shaded by a Stone; One house did hold them both whilst life did last, One grave doe hold them both now life is past.

S. Werburgh, Briftol.



1630. Dorothy Pytt.

Here lyes, diuorced from her hvsbande's side,
One that by death is made her Saviour's bride:
For on Good-Friday He did her betroth
Vnto himselse for euer where he goth:
And thus vnited she a guest became
Vnto the Marriage Supper of ye Lambe.
Leauing her earthly mate grief to sustaine:
Till death, by striking him, weds her againe.
O languish then, my soule, untill I see
My dearest wife in her selicitie.

Ombury, Salop.



1630. Richard White.

In memoriam Ricardi White infantuli beatissimi

in re Qui a peccato natus fine de

A lavacro fimul et vitâ deceffit, in vitam auspicato albatus eternam.

Nailsea, Somerset.



1631. Edward St. Maur, the Infant Son of Wm. St. Maur, Earl of Hertford.

SPEECHLESS THO' YET HE WERE, SAY ALL WE CAN THAT SAW, HE PROMISE DID A HOPEFVLL MAN. SVCH FRAME OF BODY, SVCH A HOLY SOVLE, ARGV'D HIM WRITTEN IN THE LONG LIV'D ROVLE. BVT NOW WEE SEE, BY SVCH AN INFANT'S LOSSE, ALL ARE BVT INFANT HOPES, WHICH DEATH MAY CROSSE.

Collingbourne Ducis, Wilts.



c. 1631. Edward Cordell.

Heere Edward Cordell, Squier, lyes;
Who when he life possess,
Had place among the learn'd and wise,
And credit with the best.
Abigail Henningham, his wise
This Monument prepar'd,
For loue to him, who in his life,
To loue her well declar'd.
God hath his soule, this earth his earth,
Her heart his loue still keeps,
The ods 'twixt you and him is breath,
Which gone, all slesh thus sleepes.

S. Dunstan's-in-the-West.



1632. George Bolles, Lord Mayor.

He possessed Earth as he might Heauen possessed Wise to doe right, but never to oppresse, His charity was better felt than knowne, For when he gaue there was no trympet blowne. What can more be comprized in one man's fame, To crowne a soule, and leave a living name?

S. Swithin, Cannon Street.



1632. Sir Rogers Manners.

In memory of the Right Noble, Learned and Religious Knight, Rogers Manners of Whitwell in the County of Derby, who dyed the 17 of July Anno 1632.

A living academie was this Knight
Divinitye, the arts, the toungs, what might
In learned schooles exactly, be profest
Tooke up their lodginge in his Noble breast
Till death like Church distroyers did pull downe
MANNERS, true fabricque and the arts renowne.

Whitwell, Derb.



1633. Meneleb Rainsford, aged 9.

GREAT JOVE HATH LOST HIS GANYMEDE I KNOW WHICH MADE HIM SEEK ANOTHER HERE BELOW AND FINDINGE NONE, NOT ONE LIKE VNTO THIS HATH TA'NE HIM HENCE INTO ETERNALL BLISS. CEASE THEN FOR THY DEAR MENELEB TO WEEP GOD'S DARLINGE WAS TOO GOOD FOR THEE TO KEEP: BVT RATHER IOYE IN THIS GREAT FAVOUR GIVEN, A CHILD IS MADE A SAINT IN HEAVEN.

Henfield, Suffex.



1634. Roger Earth.

From Earth wee came, to Earth wee must returne, Witness this EARTH that Lyes within this VRNE. Begott by EARTH: Borne also of Earth's WOMBE, 74 yeares Lived EARTH, Now Earth's his TOMBE. In Earth EARTH's Body Lyes Vnder this STONE, But from this Earth to Heauen EARTH's soule is gone.

Roger Earth: Armigr.
Obijt - 3° - die. Aprilis.
1634.
Dinton, Wilts.



1634. Richard & Lucy Reynell.

Friends, you that reede our names that counsell take Wch being dead our living names doe speake.

> Richardo (F. Lucye Reynell. Anag. ad

CARE LERN'LIVE & DYE RICH.

who Care to Live who Live & loue to leaRne who leArne to dyE shall In their Deaths dYcerne such caRes rewaRde thVs live You all in whiCh you shall livE happy aNd beE sure dyE rycH.

Woolborough, Devon.



1634. Rev. John Dickes.

Hic jacet reverendus Johannes Dickes hujus ecclesiae rector, denatus Augusti 40, 16340.

Hic, haec, hoc, hunc, huic, hujus, bonus, optima, clarum, Fulgor, fama, decus, vestit, adhaeret, erit, Mente, anima, o, requiem vivens AIOEKAETOS ille, Carsit honore sacres jam super astra manet.

Dunkerton, Somerset.



1635. Thomas Pierce.

Here Lyeth Thomas pierce whom no man taught, Yet he in Iron, Brasse, and silver wrought. He Jacks, and Clocks, and watches (with art) made, And mended too when others worke did sade. Of Berkeley five tymes Mayor this artist was, And yet this mayor, this artist was but grasse, When his own watch was downe on the Last Day He that made watches had not made a Key To winde it up, but uselesse it must lie Untill he Rise Againe no more to die!

Died Feb. 1635 a.d. æt. 77.

Berkeley, Glouc.



1635. Robert Graye.

Consecrated To The Blessed Memory Of Robert Graye Esq. And Founder.

Taunton Bore Him: London Bred Him:
Piety Train'd Him; Virtue Led Him:
Earth Enrich'd Him: Heaven Carest Him:
Taunton Blest Him: London Blest Him:
This Thankful Town: That Mindful City:
Share His Piety And His Pity.
What He Gave, And How He Gave It,
Ask The Poor And You Shall Have It.
Gentle Reader, Heaven May Strike
Thy Tender Heart To Do The Like.
Now Thine Eyes Have Read The Story,
Give Him The Praise, And GOD The Glory.

ÆTATIS SVÆ 65. ANNO DOM. 1635.

S. Mary Magdalene, Taunton.



1635. Thomas Parr.

The Old, Old, very Old Man, THOMAS PARR, was Born at the Glyn, within This Chapelry of Great Willaston, and Parish of Alberbury, in the County of Salop, In the Year of our Lord, 1483. He lived in the Reigns of Ten Kings and Queens of England (viz) K. Edw. 4, K. Edwd. 5, K. Rich. 3, K. Hen. 7th, K. Hen. 8th, K. Edw. 6, Q. Mary, Q. Eliz., K. James 1st, and K. Charles 1st; died the 13 and was buried in Westminster Abbey on the 15th of November, 1635, Aged 152 years and 9 Months.

Great Willaston, Cheshire.



1635. Thomas Randolph, Poet.

Memoriae Sacrum Thomae Randolph, inter pauciores felicissimi atque facillimi ingenii juvenis, necnon majora promittentis, si fata visum non invidissent saeculo.

Here fleep thirteene together in one tombe, And all these great, yet quarrel not for rome, The muses & the graces here did meete, And graved these letters on the churlish sheete: Who, having wepte their fountains dry, Through the conduit of the eye, For their friend who here doth lye, Crept into his grave & dyed, And foe the riddle is vntyed. For which this church, proud that the fates bequeath Unto her ever honoured trust Soe much & that foe precious dust, Hath twined her temples with an ivy wreath: Which should have laurel been, But that the grieved plant, to see him dead, Took pet, & withered.

Cujus cineres brevi hac (qua potuit) immortalitate donat Christopherus Hatton, Miles de Balneo et Musarum amator illius vero, quem dessemus, supplenda carminibus, quae marmoris et aeris scandalium manebunt perpetuum.

Blatherwycke, Northants.



1635. Thomas Bannatine.

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"Hodie mihi, Cras tibi.

Vita quid est hominis? Flos, umbra et sumus, arista; Illa malis longa est; illa bonis brevis est."

To day is mine, tomorrow yours may be; Each mortal man should mind that he must die. What is man's life? a shade, a smoak, a slower, Short to the good, to the bad doth long endure.

If thou lift that passeth by, Know who in this Tomb doth ly: THOMAS BANNATINE, abroad And at home who served God. Though no children he possest, Yet the LORD with means him bleft. He on them did well dispose, Long ere death his eyes did close. For the poor his helping hand, And his friends his kindness fand: And on his dear bedfellow JANET Me MATH he did bestow, Out of his lovelie affection, A fit and goodly portion. Thankful she herself to prove, For a fign of mutual love, Did no pains nor charges spare To sett up this fabrick rare: As ARTEMISE, that noble dame, To her dear MAUSOLUS' name.

He died 16th July 1635 & of his age 65.

Oh! that men were wife to

Know the multitude of those that are to be damned, the paucity of those that are to be saved, and the vanity of transitory things.

Understand evil committed, good things omitted, and the loss of time. Foresee the danger of death, the last judgment, and eternal punishment.

Grey Friars, Edinburgh.

1636. Cicely Puckering.

Anagrama.

Mistres Cissely Puckering
I sleep secure, Christ's my King.

Death's terrors nought affright mee, nor his sting; I sleep secure for Christ's my Sovereigne King.

S. Mary's, Warwick.

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1636. Sir Julius Caefar.1

Omnibus Scri fidelibus ad quos hoc presens

Scriptum peruenerit: Sciatis, me Julium Adelmare

Oblias Caesarem militem: utriusq juris Doctorem: Elizabethae Reginae supremae curiae Admiralitatis Judicem, et
unum e Magistris libellorum: Jacobo Regi a privatis consilijs, Cancellarium scaccarij, et Sacrorum Scriniorum Magistru
hac presenti Carta mea Confumasse me annuente Divino
numine naturae debitum libenter soluturum quam primu

Deo placuerit. In cuius rei testimonium manum meam
et sigillum opposui. datum. 88vii

Februarij a° dⁿⁱ mD C888v

Jul. Caesar.

Per ipsum, tempore mortis suae, Carolo regi a priuatis Consilijs, nec non Rotulo-rum Magistrum, vere pium, Apprime literatum, pauperibus in portu Charitatis receptaculum, patriae, filiis et Amicis suis percharissimum, solutum est. Obijt. 18 Die Aprilis ao dni 1636. AETATIS sue, 79.

IRROTULATUR CAELO.

S. Helen's, Bishopsgate.

1 "Who, feeling the ruling passion strong in death, moulded his epitaph in the form of a deed, to which he affixed his broad seal, which is 'railed,' and also its enrolment in a court, superior, however, to that in which he used to preside."—Annals of S. Helen's, by Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D.



1636. Grace Grylls.

Here lyeth Grace a flower gay,
Far paffing all the flowers of May,
Even at the spring time of the yeare
Was pluckt, & feicht as fit to bee
In hands of highest majestye.
Then let us prayse God for this
That she is crown'd with endlesse bliss.

Totnes, Devon.



1637. John Knowler.

Here lies a piece of Christ, a star in dust, A vein of gold, a china dish that must Be used in Heaven when God shall seed the just. Approv'd by all, and loued so well, Tho' young, like fruit that's ripe, he fell.

Herne, Kent.



1637. Elizabeth Bedingfield.

Elizabethæ Bedingfield forori Francesca suae S. R. Q. P.

My name speakes what I was, and am, and haue, A Bedding field, a peece of earth, a graue: Where I expect until my soule doth bring Unto the field an euerlasting spring. For rayse and rayse out of the earth and slyme God did the first, and will the second tyme.

Obijt die 10 maij. 1637.

S. Giles', Norwich.



1637. Thomas Harris.

Fear not to die, Learn this of me, No fear in death, If good thou be.

Ashburton, Devon.

[Alfo at Kenne, Devon, to Amias Southcott.]



1637. Nicholas Hookes.

Here lyeth yo bodye of Nich: Hookes of Conway Gen. who was yo 41st child of his Father William Hookes Esqre. by Alice his Wife, and yo Father of 27 children, who dyed yo 20th day of March 1637.

Conway.



1637. Joseph Fletcher.

To the memorie of the pious & worthily deserving MR. JOSEPH FLETCHER, late Rector of this Church. He departed this life the 28th of September, 1637, Aged 60 yeres.

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Rectores bini simul/sine pneumate vivunt
Qui dum spirarunt VERUS uterq; fuit
Nomine VERUS erat prior, alter nomine FLETCHER
Re verus verum quem Via Vera docet.

Two Parsons here under one stone are lay'd,
Who whiles they liv'd were both true parsons say'd:
The first was True by name, Fletcher indeed,
Who lest for all the True-Way booke to read;
Who doth, tho' dead, to all the true way tread,
Whose booke the True-Way still the truth doth spread.

Wilby, Suffolk.



1637. Charles & Grace Cutcliffe.

τα πάντα καὶ ἐν πᾶσι Χριστός

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{In memoria} \\ \text{beata} \\ \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{CAROLI} \\ \text{et} \\ \text{GRATI} \rlap{\rlap{\rlap{$\cal E}$}} \end{array} \right\} \text{CVTCLIFFE} \end{array}$$

Annagrammata in nomina eorum.

CAROLVS CVTCLIFFE Thou mayst bend to thy
Cruci flectas fluo croffe I passe away . . .

GRATIA CVTCLIFFE He doth afflict, and he can cure.

Christian you may him inset: Grace doth become hir all so si T Here unto death yt trod yt track, Right deare whose loue to none was sla C A tender husband I him call; A louing wise was she with a L Regarding for to doe justly Compassion could not den I Lacked, and bewail'd wt greise, Euen when yt death did berea F Elder age & soe weaker youth Could hardly nearer be cut o F Sure fortnight's day in wth died he V nto the earth returned sh E

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ÆTAT 60.

ÆTAT 33.

CHARLES founds of FORTITVDE yet courteous he; Vnto all forts feem'd rather still to bee Her name and disposition ioind in one: Though name behind yet GRACE wth her is gone. Theise two so liud and loud togeather, That death it selfe could not them seuer, One bed, one board, gaue them content: And now one graue with free consent Whose BODYES here interred were, There SOVLES (we hope) celestiall are Who still were friends unto the best And that with such they now do rest.

VIVERE TV MORIENS MVNDANVS DISCAS AB ILLIS VT VIVAS CÆLIS QVOD SINE FINE, CVPIS.

Ilfracombe, Devon.



1637. Gilbert Staplehill, once Mayor of Dartmouth.

BEHOLD THYSELFE BY MEE

I WAS AS THOV ART NOW

AND THOV IN TYME SHALT BEE

EVEN DVST AS I AM NOW

SO DOTH THIS FIGURE PAYNT TO THEE

THE FORME AND STATE OF EACH DEGREE.

S. Saviour's, Dartmouth, Devon.



1637. Elizabeth Eyre, wife of Thos. Eyre, Gent, & daughter of John Yerbury, Gent.

Here lyes an Heire who to an Heire was ioyn'd, And dying lefte a little Heire behind. Hard hearted Death herein was somewhat mild, He tooke yo mother but he spar'd yo Child. Yett th'one's more happy farre than is the other, The Child's an Heire on earth, in Heaven yo Mother, Where with tryumphant Saints & Angels bright, She now enioies her blessed Saviour's sight.

Bromham, Wilts.



1638. George Southcote, Thomas & Mary Southcote; & Mary Colman their daughter.

Here in one bed of earth asleep doe lye
Three generations, for they did not dye,
Nor loose a being, but exchanged, and must
At the trump's sound awake out of this dust.
Here's but their corps, in heaven their soules do dwell,
Live heere, so to live there with them; farewell.

Calverleigh, Devon.



1638. Denys Rolle.

The Remaines of DENYS ROLLE Efquire.

His earthly part within this tombe doth rest,
Who kept a Court of Honour in his breast;
Birth, Beautie, Witt & Wisdom sate as Peeres,
Till Deathe mistooke his vertues for his yeares;
Or else Heaven envy'd Death so rich a treasure,
Wherein too sine the Ware, too scant the measure.
His mournful Wise her loue to shew in part,
This Tombe built here; a better in her heart:
Sweete Babe, his hopefull Heyre (heaven grante this Boon)
Liue but so well; but oh! dye not so soon.

Obijt { Dni. 1638. Aetatis 24. Reliquit Fili { um unum. as quinque.

Biston, Devon.



1638. Thomas Brook, of Newhouse, Gentleman.

In the Church
Mylitant I fout
fo unshaken:
that to the
Church tryump
hant I am taken.
I am one o'th'
Church still.
Greeve not frends
to know me ad
vanced higher:
Whilst I stayed
I prayed, & now
I sing in ye quier.
Aet. suae 87.

Huddersfield, Yorksh.



1639. William Mason.

WILLIAM, fone of ARTHUR MASON of CORNWOOD, a hopefull Minister of the Word, in his iourney from Exon was here with much loue & greife interd, May 25 Ano Dni: 1639. then aged 28.

MASON, how is't that thou so soon art gone
Home from thy worke? what, was the fault i'th'stone,
Or did thy hammer fayl, or didst suspect
Thy Master's wages would thy worke neglect?
Christ was thy CORNER-STONE, Christians the rest;
Hammer the Word, GOOD LIFE thy Line all blest.
And yet art gone, 'twas honour not thy crime
With stone hearts to work much in little time:
Thy Master saw't, and tooke thee off from them
To the bright stones of NEW IERUSALEM:
Thy worke & labour men esteem a base one,
God counts it blest. Here lies a blest FREE MASON.

Abbot's Kerswell, Devon.



1639. John Moore

Mors mihi lucrum.

John Moor, of Moorhayes in the County of Devon, Esqr. aged 58 years, was buried here April 6th 1639, having by Mary his Wife, the daughter of Richard Cossyn of Portledge in the County of Devon, Esqr. 6 sonnes & 10 daughters.

He that from home, for loue
Was hither brought,
Is now brought home; thus God
For him hath wrought.

S. Mary's, Tenby.



1639. Robert Burton, author of "The Anatomy of Melancholy."

PAVCIS NOTVS, PAVCIORIBVS IGNOTVS
HIC JACET DEMOCRITVS JVNIOR
CVI VITAM PARITER ET MORTEM
DEDIT MELANCHOLIA.

Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

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c. 1640. Sir William Sutton.

Sir William Sutton corps here toombed sleepes, Whose happy soule in better mansions keepes: Theise nine yeares liued he with his lady faire A louely, noble, & lyke vertuous payre. Their generous offspring (parents ioie of hearte) Eight of each sex: of each an equal part, Usher'd to Heaven their Father, the other Remain'd behind him to attend their mother.

Averham, Notts.

c. 1640. The Wife & Daughter of Dr. English, Vicar.

Deare soules & blest! you both delivered be, Hauing exchanged your prisons before me: Whilst I survive to live & find it true That I grieve for myself more than for you. Nor can teares quench my zeale, like survey. That slames for her I loued till I expire.

Sis mevs, O Jesu! Sis Jesus, Christe, tuorum!
Sweet Saviour of Mankind
The Saviour be of mee & mine!

Sic { fpirans orauit expirans exorauit respiciens perorabit.

 $\label{eq:Joh:English} Joh: English \quad S \begin{cases} acri \\ an \\ ctae \end{cases} \quad V \begin{cases} erbi \\ eritatis \\ itae \end{cases}$

Cheltenham, Glouc.

1640. John Chefter, aged 3 years.

Griev'd at the world and crimes, this early bloome Look'd round, and figh'd, and stole into his tombe, His fall was like his birth, too quick this rose Made haste to spread, and the same haste to close. Here lies his dust, but his best tomb's sted hence, For marble cannot last like innocence.

Chicheley, Oxon.



1641. Dame Dorothy Selby.

D. D. To the pretious name & honor of Dame Dorothy Selby, the Relict of Sir William Selby Kt. the onely daughter & heire of Charles Benham Esqr.

She was a Dorcas

Whose curious needle wound the abused stage
Of this leud world into the golden age,
Whose pen of steel & silken inck enroll'd
The actes of Jonah in records of gold.
Whose arte disclos'd that plot, which, had it taken,
Rome had triumph'd, & Britain's walls been shaken.
She was

In heart a Lydia, & in tongue a Hannah, In zeale a Ruth, in wedlock a Susanna. Prudently simple, providently wary, To the world a Martha, & to Heaven a Mary.

Who put on in the yeare Pilgrimage, 69. immortalitie of her Redeemer, 1641.

Ightham, Kent.

[This lady is traditionally said to have written the letter which led to the discovery of the "Gunpowder Plot." Specimens of her needlework are, or were, to be seen suspended over her tomb.]

1641. James Rivers.

Within this hollow vault there rests the frame
Of the high Soule which once informed the same:
Torn from the service of the State in's prime
By a disease malignant as the time:
Whose life and death designed no other end
Than to serve God, his Country, and his Friend:
Who, when Ambition, Tyranny, and Pride
Conquered the Age, conquered himself, and dyed.

Gt. S. Bartholomew's.



1641. Elizabeth Furlong.

ICY . AVSSI . ET . METTRE . LE . CORPS

DE . ELIZABETH . FVRLONG . LA

FILLE . DE . THOMAS . TAWLEY . DE

DITTISHAM . GEN . ET . FAME . DE

FRANCOIS . FVRLONG . LE . FILZ

DE . FRANCOIS . FVRLONG . DE

LOD DDESWILL . GEN . QVI A

ESTE . ENSEVELY . LE 15ME

IOVRE . DE . NOVEMBRE

1641.

Stoke-in-Teignhead, Devon.

[On a heart-shaped brass plate adorned with skulls, hour glasses, and cross bones.]



1641. Mary Whiddon.

Reader, would'st know who here is laid? Behold a Matron yet a Maid:
A modest look, a pious heart,
A Mary for the better part:
But drie thine eies, why wilt thou weep?
Such damsels doe not dye but sleep.

Chagford, Devon.



1641. Jeremiah Horrox.

VENUS IN SOLE VISA. Nov. 24, 1639.

In Memory of
Jeremiah Horrox, One of the Greatest
Astronomers This Kingdom Ever Produced;
Born in Toxteth Park in 1619;
Died in 1641, Aged 22.

His observations were made at Hoole, Eight Miles from Preston, where he Predicted, and was the First Person Who Saw the Transit of Venus Over the Sun.

S. Michael's in the Hamlet, Liverpool.



1643. Thomas Turar, "twice Master of the Company of Bakers, and twice Churchwarden of this Parish."

Like to a Baker's Oven is the grave
Wherein the bodyes of the faithful have
A Setting in, and where they do remain
In hopes to Rife, and to be Drawn again;
Bleffed are they who in the LORD are dead,
Though Set like Dough, they shall be Drawn like Bread.

All Saints (?) Bristol.

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1643. Dr. Ward. "Aetatis suae 125."

Here lyes Dr. Ward whom you knew well before, He was kind to his neighbours, good to the poor.

To God, to Prince, Wife, Kindred, Friend, the Poor,

1 2 3 4 5 6
Religious, Loyal, True, Kind, Stedfast, Dear,

1 2 3 4 5 6
In Zeal, Faith, Love, Blood, Amity, and Store.

He hath soe liv'd, and soe deceased lyes here.

Soham, Camb.

1643. John Chisbull.

His bodye is entombed within this graue, A fight of which his foule shall never haue: For fayth and works against his funerall, Haue got him place in ioyes celestiall.

Dunton, Beds.



1643. Richard Beaple, Merchant, thrice Mayor of Barnstaple.

Weret not more wisely done if with consent
We joind to batter downe this monument.
Lest when the forrowing poore lift up their eyes.
They drowne the voyce o' th' fermon with their cryes:
Let that bee others doome such as can give
With liberal spirit, but onely whiles they live.
As for this senator, his nobler minde
Within one age did scorn to bee consind:
For which to suture ages he convayed
So rich a portion duly to be payed,
That thenceforth, tears being banisht, it might bring
To the orphans joy & make poore widowes sing.
Let those who'de have their monuments to stand
Take sair example from this bounteous hand.

Barnstaple, Devon.



1645. Shilfton Calmady, Knight.

This Toomb's sublimed to a shrine, and doth containe An holier Saint than could all legends faine, Whose virtues supersede our spice & baulme, Whose name persumes ye breath yt sounds the same. As when a sly's involved in amber, 'twere Less gaine than pride such sepulchre, So life's not worth such honor as to have Fame write his epitaph, hearts afford his grave.

Membury, Devon.



1645. Anna Ash.

Dominus { Dedit Abstulit.

Anna Filia Richardi Ash, Ætatis Suæ Tertio Obiit Vicesimo Quarto Die Maii 1645.¹

An This \} Ash \{ \text{in Maie was then } \} \cut downe \{ \text{Sprouts ye fame daie.} \} \text{Yet lives for aie.}

On a flat flone beneath,

Rak'd up in In hope that Ashes there dothe Ashes to Which Ashes to In Ashes here expecting, lies.

S. Michael, Bristol (now destroyed?)

1 Here the figure of an Ash tree cut off in the middle.



1645. Elinor, Lady Vincent.

On the noble and truly vertuous Ladie
Elynor, daugh & COHEIRE of Robert Mallet of Woodleigh, in the County of Devon, Esque wise first to Sr Arthur Acland of Acland Knt. and afterwards to Sr Francis Vincent of Stoke Daubernon in ye County of Surrie Knt and Baront; who exchanged this life for a better Aug: ye 10th

The year of our Lord 1645
Her age 72

Madam, to fay you'r dead were but to tell a lie, or make the Poet Infidell.

You in your vertue live Immortall that free fro you dart of death, or stroke of fate:

You in your children live, yor Progenie, and thro' a kind of Immortalitie,

Yor body doth but fleep, yor grave's a bed, yor ftone a Pillowe, whereo to lye yor head; Till vertue, Children, body, foule, anon Shall all meet in the Resurrection.

Landkey; Devon.

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1646. Annis Bailey.

ANNIS yo wife of JNO. BAILEY yo Elder ob: Nov: 21: 1646.

This stony Register is for her Bones.

Her fame is more perpet'al yⁿ y^e stones:

And still her goodnes, tho' herself be gone,

Shall live when earth thy monuments are gone.

Who reading this can chuse but drop a tear

For such a loving Wise & Mother dear.

Holt, Wilts.



1646. Maurice Gresham.

So good kind courteous husband ffat her friend that Earth and Heaven about him did contend Earth was desirous here to have him rest Heaven was ambitious there to have him blest to please them both himself he thus divides on Earth his corps in Heaven his soule resides.

S. Mary's, Geddington, Northants.



1647. William Whateley.

To ye memory of Mr. William Whateley, late Alderman & once Major of this Burrough. Dýed Jan: 24. 1647.

He was like Enock in his walke,
In zeale like Phineas more than talke;
Job-like a perfect upright man,
In mercy ye Samaritan.
A foe to error and false waies
A strict observer of God's daies.
Cast up ye account, & when you've done
Say, we have lost many in one.

Banbury, Oxon.



1647. Edward Lambe.

Edward	EDWARD LAMBE	Lambe
Ever	fecond fon of	Lived
Envied	Thomas Lambe	Laudably
Evill	of Trimley	Lord
Endured	Esquire.	Lett
Extremities	All his dayes	Like
Even	he lived a Batchelor	Life
Earnestly	well learned in Deveyne	Learne
Expecting	and Common Lawes	Ledede
Eternal	With his councell he	Livers
Ease	helped many, yett took	Lament
	fees scarse of any.	

He dyed the 19th of November 1647.

East Bergholt, Suffolk.



1648. William Paget.

Silence (Dear Shade) will best thy Grave become And Griese that is not only Deepe but Dumbe; For who'll believe our Vocal Teares, that see The very Tongues themselves here dead in Thee. Twelve welfpun lustres sent thee speecheless hence Twice child in Age, always in Innocence. To smooth thy entrance where true blisse doth raigne NATURE & GRACE would have thee BORNE AGAINE.

Tawstock, Devon.

c. 1648. Katherine Randall.

K ind reader judge, here's underlaid

A hopeful, young, and virtuous maid,

T hrown from the top of earthly pleasure

H eadlong, by which she gain'd a treasure

E nvironed with heaven's power,

R ounded with angels for that hour

I n which she fell: God took her home

N ot by just law, but martyrdom.

E ach groan she fetch'd upon her bed

R oared out aloud I'm murdered.

A nd shall this blood, which here doth lie,

'N vain for right and vengeance cry?

D o men not think, tho' gone from hence,

A venge God can't his innocence?

L et bad men think, so learn ye good

L ive each that's here doth cry for blood.

Stokenham, Devon.

[She was killed in an attack on the place during the Civil Wars.]

1648. Thomas Cotes.

Honest old Thomas Cotes, that sometime was Porter at Ascott hall, hath now (alas) Lest his key, lodg, syre, friends, & all, to have A roome in Heaven. This is that good man's grave. Reader, prepare for thine, for none can tell Byt that yov two may meete to night. Farewell.

He dyed the 20th of | Set vp at the apoyntment November 1648 | and charges of his friend Geo: Houghton.

Wing, Bucks.



1648. Mary Westcott.

Dedicated

To the pretious memorie of MARY the deare & onely daughter of GEORGE WESTCOTT Pastor of this Church, and of FRANCES his wife, who leaving this vale of miserie for a mansion in felicitie, was heer interred, Ianuar: 31 Anno Domini 1648, ætat:

fuæ 7º.

This Mary-gold lo heer doth shew MARIE worth gold lies neer below Cut down by death the fair'st gilt flowr Flourish and fade doth in an howr The Marygold in funshine spread (When cloudie) clos'd doth bow the head This orient plant retains the guise With splendent Sol to sett and rise Euen fo this Virgin MARIE Rose In life foon nipt in death fresh growes With Christ her light shee set in paine By Christ her Lord shall rise againe When shee shall shine more brightly farre Then any twinkling radiant starre For bee affur'd that by death's dart MARY enjoyes the better part.

Anag. { Maria Westcott Mors evicta tuta $\begin{bmatrix} G. & W. \\ F. & W. \end{bmatrix}$ P. P.



Berry Narbor, Devon.



1649. Thomas & George Cruse.

Within this space two brothers heer confined, Though by death parted, yet by death close joined; The eldest of the two; plac'd in his tomb, Greeted the younger with a welcome home. They liv'd, they lov'd, & now rest in tomb, Together sleeping in their mother's womb.

Ashburton, Devon.



1649. Richard Ferris, Merchant, twice Mayor of Barum.

Reader, if thou wouldst know this gemme that lyes Cas'd in this marble, first ask the poores eyes Who that they may preserve their deere losse safe Write in their lasting tears his epitaph. Then reade the Schole by him endowed t'advance Arts 'bove our monster teeming ignorance. If next you'd learne the prudence of the Gowne And how he held the scales, ask the whole towne. But lastly, view this place, which though it is God's house by right, his zeal yet made it his. Here would he live—here he full oft hath been To speake to God & hear God speake to him. So that to write his epitaph must be To picture Justice, Arts, Faith, Charity. Let marble quarries then elsewhere be spent Not stones but deeds build up this monument. Reader, this toomb speakes not unto thy eyes But to thy hands—go thou & do likewise.

Barnstaple, Devon.



1649. Susanna Hall.

HEERE LYETH YE BODY OF SVSANNA WIFE TO JOHN HALL, GENT; YE DAVCHTER OF MR. WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE, GENT: SHEE DECEASED YE 11TH OF JVLY, A° 1649, AGED 66.

Witty above her fexe, but that's not all, Wife to Salvation was good Mistris Hall; Something of Shakspeare was in that, but this Wholly of him with whom she's now in blisse.

Then, Passenger, ha'st nere a teare
To weepe with her that wept with all;
That wept, but set herself to chere
Them up, with comforts cordiall.
Her love shall live, her mercy spread,
When thou ha'st ne're a teare to shed.

Stratford-on-Avon.

[It may be noted that the name Shahspeare which occurs twice on this gravestone is spelt differently.]



1650. Sufanna Tefdale.

Here lieth the body of M⁷ SUSANNA TESDALE the wife of CHRISTOPHER TESDALE, Rector of this Church whose view the 17th of JVLY and was buried the 19. 1650.

Susanna signifieth a lillie or a Rose.

The lillie of ye ballies by hit spirit,
Hit pure spirit, made me a lillie whit.
The Rose of SHARON by his Blood's merit
My soule advanced to a Rose's hight.
SUSANNA a lillie and a Rose tho' pale,
How like a whit lillie shee sading sper,
By bertue of the roote of DAVID shall
With orient colours like a red ROSE ries.

Everleigh, Wilts.



1650. Henry Parsons.

1650.

HIC . JACET . HENRICVS . ROBERTI

PARSONII . FILIUS . QVI . EXIIT . ANNO

ÆTATIS . SVÆ . CLIMACTERICO

ΔΕΥΤΕΡΟΠΡΩΤΩ

Sidbury, Devon.



1650. Nathaniel Hellierd, Rector.

Heere gather'd to his Father lies
An object of our obsequies;
Whoo died desir'd, and liu'd beelou'd,
To most well known, by th' bell approu'd.
His name present may well preuent
A larger line on's monument.
Per me Robertm. filium.

Road, Somerset.



1650. Abraham Edwards.

Here is inte rred the bodye of Abraham Edwards, gent who was in humed April th e 26. Anno Dom Chr. 1650.

Duncton, Suffex.

[This was a common form during the Great Rebellion.]



1650. William Staples.

Quod cum coelicolis habitas, pars altera nostra, Non dolet, hic tantum me superesse dolet. Hoc posuit moestissima vxor SARA.

S. Giles', Cripplegate.



1651. George & Susan Laurence.

Georgius Laurentius. Ego. vti. Lavrvs. rigens.

I . vnder . Ly . as . Laurel . Dry . vixit . octob: 14. 1650. Devixit. sep: 29. 1651.

Susana Laurence .

VAS . CARNE . VALENS .

A . FLESH . PREVAILING . VESSEL . FOUND .
BEAVTIFI'D . TO . LYE . VNDER . GROVND .
VIVIT DEC. 12 . 1647

Vixit . Dec: 13 . 1647 . Revixit . Jan: 18 . 1650.

S. Cross, Hants.



1651. Richard Coffin of Portledge, & Elizabeth his Wife.

All heer portray'd shews one joyn'd Cossin: sent Through heavens canopy and to earth here lent Persum'd with virtues and bedew'd with grace T'adorne them with a progeny for a space One man took life from dead Elisha's bones Eight martiall sonns liv'd from this Cossin's loynes With daughters seven yt from this vine did sprout Like olive plants their table round about Thrice happy fruitful Cossin, may thy buds spring And to eternity halleluiahs sing.

Alwington, Devon.



1651. Sarah Colemore.

HERE LYETH SARAH ELDEST DAVGHTER VNTO SIR GEORGE SOUTHCOTT KNT THE LADY SARAH HIS SECOND WIFE & THE CHIEFE EARTHLY COMFORT OF HER HVSBAND JOHN COLEMORE SONN VNTO THOMAS COLEMORE GENTLEMAN LATE OF LYSCOTT WHO DECEASED THE 28 DAYE OF FEBRUARY 1651.

THY ASHES HERE: BVT IN MY MIND
THY LOVE & WORTH I HAVE ENSHRIN'D
SLEEPE DVST THEN TILL THY SOVLE IN STATE
DESCEND TO FETCH HENCE ITS OLD MATE
WHEN CLOATH'D WITH GLORY BOTH SHALL SHINE
FOR EVER CHRIST'S WHICH ONCE WERE MINE.

Heanton-Punchardon, Devon.



1651. William Gaye.

Since epitaphs have given speach to stones,
Their Rhetoric extorted sigh's tear's groan's:
Some teach Divinitye: but this commends:
Drys tears, stops sighs, and strangleth groans of Frends:
Oxford's Academie soe priz'd his parts:
That it did crowne him Lawreate of Arts:
In countrye he read men, in Court yo laws,
Lived both with sweet contentment and applause:
Expir'd by degrees: yet our comfort's this
That death his convoy was from paine to blisse:
Sith Temperance, Prudence, Candor, Pietye,
Transports from Grace unto Felicitie.

Monkleigh, Devon.



1651. Robert Freeman.

Here (Reader) reade thine own estate:
Though young, wise, pious, such thy fate
Must shortly be;
For such was he.
Serve thou thy God, as he hath donne
This service makes a servant sonne
Heaven's freeman be:
For such was he.

Busbley, Worc.



1652. Daniel Evance.

Blest is the just man's memorie Both here & in Eternitie Being dead he yet speaketh. Heb. XX. iij.

In memory of the Reverend Religious and learned Preacher DANIEL EVANCE

Who was born at London. March 2. 1613.

And dyed at Calbourne. Dec. 27. 1652.

This monument was erected by HANNAH his mournful relict.

DANIEL EVANCE-Anagram-"I can deal even."

Who is sufficient for this thinge
Wisely to harpe on every string
Rightly divide the word of truth
To babes & men, to age & youth?
One of a thousand—where's he found,
Soe learned, pious, & prosound?
Earth has but few—there is in heaven
One who answers—"I can deal even."

Calbourne, I. of Wight.



1652. Lucy, Lady Reynell.

For The reLIgoVs LADY LUCy onLy Wife of yt Wife sIr RICH REYNEL KNIGHT Who Left Earth on yo ResVreCtion Day, Ap. 18th 1652.

L oe Here sate Majesty With Meekness Crownd,

V ailed Vnder Reverence was Courtship Found

C omposed Were All such Graces in Her Mind,

Y ee knew in Morralist er Christian shind.

R efuge of Strangers, Prophets jointuress,

E asy Chirvrgeon, Poore men's Treasuress,

Y outh's Awe and Age's Honor; To God when

(N ot Thus to Man) Imployd in Prayers and Penn

E ate Through This Marble, if Time shall she hath

L eft Vpon Living Stones her Epitaph.

Ætatis suæ 74.

Woolborough, Devon.



1652. Rose Dart.

Here
Lyeth the infant
Daughter of Charels
Dart Gent: and of Rose
His Wife, who departed
Hence yo 26 of Aprill Ano Dni
1652.

A Rose's springing branch no sooner bloom'd By Death's impartial dart lyes here entomb'd Tho' wither'd be the bud, the stock relyes On CHRIST both sure by fayth and hope to rise.

Bishop's Tawton, Devon.



1653. Nicholas Martyn, Knt.

Surpaffing the philosopher's, this stone
Shall turn to pearles the teares are dropt thereon,
Since to praise worth praiseworthy doth appeare,
This shrine makes saints of them weh offer here,
Their spice and balme for too persume his name
Which rather more persumed are by the same.

Kenton, Devon.

[Sir N. Martyn married the dau. of Sir Shilfton Calmady (p. 95.) There is a curious refemblance in flyle of the two epitaphs.]



1654. George Southcott. "Being in ye 15 yeare of his age."

Under this Tumbstone know there lies A dainty youth of richest price, Sone cropt by death while under age Through seaver's violence & rage. Earth keeps his body in restraint, But Heaven owns him for a saint.

Quisquis (adhuc vivus) monumentum Hoc tueris abito, Respice Te, Moriens vive, memento mori.

Calverleigh, Devon.



1654. Hamon de Strange.

Hamo, extraneus, miles, obijt 31 Maij. 1654. ætat: suæ 71.

In terris peregrinvs eram, nvnc incola coeli.

In Heaven at home, a bleffed change: Who while I was on earth was Strange.

Hunstanton, Norfolk.



1654. Richard Russell, Minister of the Parish.

Looke on this liuing faint this matchless from Soe comprehensive a compendirm; A learned scholler painful labourer A faithfull shepherd true embassadour An untired watchman & A shining saint A burning taper, beauty without paint. Bright gem hath lest its caskett to be sett By God into a nobler coronett. Ripe grace now ends in glory, soe is he Sounding triumphs with the hierarchy.

S. Ervan, Cornwall.



1654. The Wife of Dr. H. Wilkinson.

Here lie mother and babe both without fins, Next birth will make her and her infant twins.

Great Milton, Oxon.

[The entire epitaph is far too lengthy for insertion.]



1655. Hugh Grove.

HIC JACET HUGO GROVE DE ENFORD IN COMITATU WILTS, ARMIGER. IN RESTITUENDO ECCLESIAM, IN ASSERENDO REGEM, IN PROPUGNANDO LEGEM, ET LIBERTATEM ANGLICANAM, CAPTUS ET DECOLLATUS.

16 MAY 1655.

S. Sidwell's, Exeter.



1655. Elizabeth Prince.

In memoriam Elizabethæ filiæ Johannis Gough e comitatu Somersettensis Armigeri Conjugis Leonardi Prince hujus Ecclessæ Pastoris quæ obiit 25° 7^{bris} Ano Domini 1655. ætatis suæ 37.

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Qualis erat quæras? Κήρνον cognoscito Lector Μορφήν uix capiant, marmora, talis erat E meliore luto Deus hanc Naturaque finxit, Quippe Dei Veri uera et amantis amans: Corpore sic suerat, sic mente sic undique pulchra, Esfulgens donis (ut puto) nemo magis. Corpus, terra tegit, Cœli mens sede quiescit, Quod tibj munvs erat, Væ mihi funus erit. Quæ scribo nil sunt luctum testantia; non est Est quoniam dici non licet angit erat.

Parce mihi Lettor, carnemque redargue inultum, Cura leuis loquitur quæ grauis illa stupet. L. P.

> Nomen El chari Anag: pnati bees.

> > Ilfracombe, Devon.



1655. Mary Courtney.

Near this a rare jewell's set Clos'd up in a cabinet Let no sacrilegious hand Breake through—'tis yo strickte comaund Of the jeweller: who hath sayd (And 'tis sit he be obey'd) I'll require it safe and sound Both above and under ground.

Fowey, Cornwall.



1656. Thomas & Anne Carew.

HERE LIETH THE BODIES OF THOMAS CAREW ESQUIER AND ANNE HIS WIFE WHO DESESED THE 6th AND 8th DAY OF DECEMBER AND DOMANI 1656

Two bodies ly beneath this stone
Whom love and marriage long made one
One sove conious them by a force
Above the power of death's divorce
One stame of love their lives did byrne
Even to ashes in their vrne
They dy byt not depart who meet
In wedding & in winding sheet
Whom God hath knit so firme in one
Admit no separation
Therefore vnto one marble tryst
Wee leave their now vnited dyst
As rootes in earth embrace to rise
Most lovely slowers in paradise.

Haccombe, Devon.



1656. Mrs. Amy Tooker.

'Tis not Wer Plenteous issue, nor this Pile
Her hysbande's loue erected can beguile
Time's 'stroying hand; for sych memorialls myst
Themselues ly downe, wrapt in Obliujon's Dyst.
No, shee Preserv'd Her Name, way more Syre
By Faith, Loue, Patience, meek Life & Pyre
These, these are Spices shall embawlme Her Name
And make it Fragrant when ye World's M slame.

Barnstaple, Devon.



1656. Richard Richards.

To the memory of Ric: Richards who by Gangrene lost first a Toe, afterwards a Leg, & lastly his Life on the 7th day of Aprill, 1656.

Ah! cruell Death, to make three meales of one,
To taste and taste till all was gone.
But know, thou Tyrant, when the trympe shall call,

He'll find his feet, & stand when thou shalt fall.

Banbury, Oxon.

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1657. Edward Penell.

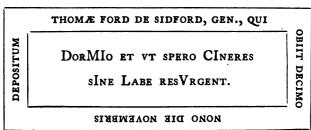
Here rests his earthy part whose soule above Views her bright Maker face to face, & proves Pure ioyes which shall be full & perfect, when These broken organs shall be peec'd agen, And reinformed. Reader, before thou passe, Take his example, a clear looking-glasse To dresse thy soule by: learne of him to bee Good in bad times who mayst live worse to see.

Beati mortui qui in Domino moriuntur.

Lindridge, Worc.

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1658. Thomas Ford.



Ilsington, Devon.



1658. Anna & Dorothy Freeborn.

Here lieth the bodys of Mrs. Anna & Mrs. Dorothy Freeborne Wives of Mr. Samuel Freeborne; whoe departed this life, one on ye 31st of July Anno 1641; The othar August ye 20 Anno 1658; One Aged 33 yeares; ye other 44.

Vnder this stone two precious iems doe ly,
Equall in weight, worth, lustre, sanctity:
Yet perhaps one of them doe excell;
Which was two knows? ask him yt knew ym well
By long enioyement. If he thus be prest,
Hee'l pause, then answere: truly both were best:
Were't in my choice that either of ye twain
Might be returned to mee to enioie agayne,
Which should I chuse? Well, since I know not whether;
Ile mourne for th' losse of both, but wish for neither.
Yet here's my comfort, herein lyes my hope,
The tyme a comeinge cabinets shall ope
Which are lockt sast: then shall I see
My Iewell's to my ioy, my Iewells mee.

Prittlewell, Effex.



1658. On a Father & Son.

The wine that in these earthen vessels lay
The hand of Death has lately drawn away:
And as a present sent it up on high,
Whilst heer the Vessels with the lees doe lie.

Branscombe, Devon.



1658. Roger Gardiner & Wife.

Roger lyes here before his hour Thus doth Gardiner lose his flower.

Thundridge, Esfex.



1658. John Rosser, Attorney of ye Common Bench, Auntient of Lyon's Inn.

Loe with a Warrant seal'd by God's Decree,
Death his grim Serjeant hath arrested mee,
No Bayle was to be given, noe Lave could save
My Body from ye Prison of ye Grave:
Yet by ye Gospell my poore soule had got
A Supersedeas, & Death seiz'd it not.
And for my downecast Bodye here it lies,
A Prisoner of Hope it shall arise.
Fayth doth affure mee, God of his great Love
In CHRIST shall send a Writ for my Remove,
And sett my Bodye, as my Soule is, free
With CHRIST to dwell. Come glorious Liberty.

Swimbridge, Devon.



1658. Nicolas Timperley.



Lo Time = Pearle = Ey, a Rebus, which to thee Speakes what I whilom Was, a Timperley. Wing'd Time is flowne, So is ye World from me, A glitt'ring Pearle, whose glosse is Vanitie. But th' Ey of Hope is of a nobler flight, To reach beyond thee (Death), enioye his sight Who conquer'd thee. Hence spring my hopes yt I Shall rise ye same, & more, a Timperley.

Deposita est haec Spes mea in sinu meo.

Iob. 19.

Nicolas Timperley, Sonne of Sir Thomas Timperley of Hintlesham in ye Countie of Suffolke, Knight, dyed Anno dni. 1658.

Colkirk, Norfolk.



1659. Mary Maule & her only son child Charles.

Reader, putt off thy shoes, thou tred'st on Holy earth, Where lyes the rarest Phoenix & her onely Birth Whom shee suruiu'd, O strange, vnheard of wonder, Bvt (alas!) now dead, those pavements bvried vnder. Lament her losse, the world grows worse; of her rare brood There is none lest, to breed the like: shee was so good, Blest Saint! once mine Æquall; O might I now adore thee, My Blisse, my Loue, that thou art gone before mee. O let thy Cinders warm that Bed of Dvst for mee, (Thy movrnsvll hvsbande) till I come by thee.

Lugens fudit G. M. supradict: facr: Theolog: Baccalaur:

Vange, Effex.



1660. John & Susanna Bassett.

Monumentum clarissimi Viri Johannis Bassett de Heanton Court armig: qui desideratus in Christo obdormivit Augusti calend. anno Dni. 1660, ætatis suæ 30.

Si quidquam probitas valuisset gratia si quid Ad vitam in vivis ille suisset adhuc.

Had lyfe to grace and goodness here been tyed Soe good soe gracious he had never dyed.

Huic etiam inseritur cippo Susanna amœna presati Johannis consors antiqua Bluettorum (de Holcombe Rogus) prosapia oriunda quæ satis cessit 22º die Aprilis, Ano Dni, 1662.

Et fic

Nobile par una pariter requiescit in urna Uxores uxor, vir superansque viros.

Here sleepes a noble payre who were in lyfe, Hee best of husbands, shee of wives the wife.

Heanton-Punchardon, Devon.



1660. Christopher Brownrigg.

HERE LYETH
CHR: BROWNR
IG THE LAST
OF THAT NAME.
A. D. 1660.

Dalton in Furness, Lanc.

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1660. Catherine Parminter.

... Never was Innocence & Prudence
Soe louely, that had you known
her conversation, you would have
said, she was the daughter of Eve
before she eated of the Apple.
She hath left her name

CATHERINE PARMINTER. A. D. 1660.

Ilfracombe, Devon.

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1661. Henry Mosoke.

JESUS. MARIA. GOD SAVE THE KING.

My auncestors have been interred here 385 yeares This by auntient evidence to mee appeares; Which that all maye know & none doe offer wrong, It is tenne ffotte broade & 4 yardes & a halfe longe.

Anno Domini 1661. HENRY MOSOKE, Ætatis suæ 14. Ad Majorem Dei gloriam. Richard Mosoke Sculpsit.

Aughton, Staff.

1662. Ludovicus Vicary.

O Love, how strong dost thou tie knots, That Death can't solve them with his plots. Death with thy sting th'hast lost thine art, For man and wife thou canst not part. True love made us one heart to live or die, Our bodyes rest below, our soules on high.

Atherington, Devon.



1662. Elizabeth Wood.

ELIZA'S foule, a graffe divine,
With clay was fastened into WOOD:
The tree did suddenlie decline,
The fruit was blasted in the bud:
The clay which Death broke off lies here, the wife
Is now engrafted on the Tree of Life.
Reader, expect not long to hold thy breath,
For heart of oake thou seeft cut off by death.

East Allington, Devon.



1662. Bishop Samuel Rutter.

In hac domo quam A Vermiculis
Accepi Confratribus meis spe
Resurrectionis ad Vitam
Jaceo Sam: Permissione divina
Episcopus Huius Insulæ
Siste Lector! Vide; ac Ride
Palatium Episcopi
Obijt: xxxo die Mensis Maij Anno 1662.

S. German's Cathedral, I. of Man.



1663. Anne Allen.

A pious, vertuous, blamelesse, spotlesse maid By cruell Death was suddenly betraid Of sweetest life. Alas! a barbarous crime, To croppe a slower so sweete, so near the prime. Cease brinish tears, forbeare your grievous moane, A happy change 'tis, a Cœlestial Throne Prepared is: what comfort doth this give To pay a debte, to dye & yett to live.

Lowestoft, Suffolk.



1663. Michael Hill.

Strange that this stone should tell Of Saint turned Angel Michael: Stranger that soe high a Hill Should sink soe low a vault to fill: Strangest, when next we sleet, If two and all we Hills should meet.

South Hill, Cornw.



1663. Sir William Walrond.

This lowe built chamber to each oculous eye, Seems like a little chappell where I'se lye; Here in this tumbe my flesh shall rest in hope, Whene'er I dye this is my aim and scope.

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Bradfield, Devon.

1664.

GEORGE WALTON (1663. 1664.

From the same Parents both derived one breath,
Both at the sont received one name,
In the same grave united at one death,
In Parents, Name, & Grave, the same.
Heaven soone conducted us, an earthly paire
To that bless'd heritage where each is heir:
Our bodies waite the ioyfull Resurrection, when
Old time shall cease to be,
And little infants we
Rise in Christ Jesus persect men.

Little Bursted, Essex.



1665. Anne Deney.

Reader stay, & you shall heare With your eye, who 'tis lyes here: For when stones doe silence breake, The voice is seene not heard to speake.

Thurston, Norfolk.



1665.

WILLIAM WHITE GOD THAT SENT HIM INTO THE WORLD MAY THE 21** 1651 SAID MAY THE 10** 1665 RETVRNE THOV SONNE OF SORIE MAN PSAL. 90. 3.

Pusey, Berks.



1666.

At HAMILTON lie the heads of JOHN PARKER, JAMES HAMILTON, & CHRISTOPHER STRANG, who suffered at EDINBURGH, 7th December, 1666.

Stay Passenger, take notice
What thou reads
At Edinbro' lye our Bodies,
Here our Heids:
Our richt Honds stude at Lanark,
Theis we want,
Because with them we sware
The Covenant.

Hamilton, N. B.



1666.

Whate'er I did believe, whate'er I taught,
Whate'er HE did for me who mankind bought,
Whate'er I suffered in the good fight fought,
By Faith, by Word, in Deed, in Heart, in Thought,
Whate'er remains, now I am hither brought,
RESVRGAM of them all is the full draught:
Who preacheth aught that is not this is naught:
Reader, learne well but this one Truth from me—
Though I be dead, yet still I preach to thee.

Beverley Minster, Yorksh.



1666. Edward Penell.

In soe little place doth lye
Vertue, goodness, loyalty:
He who in all relations stood
And basest times, both true & good.
Tis for no common losse our teares are paid,
Here ye beste husband, father, friend is laid.

Uiuit post funera uirtus.

Lindridge, Herts.

1667. Mrs. Grace Giffard.

The Graces formerly were counted three,
Now to the count a fourth may added bee,
The Virgin that of Graces had fuch store
As she made good her name of Grace and more.
Her loving parents were to her soe deare,
They goeing hence shee'd stay no longer here,
But after hyes (blest soule) to heaven above,
To bee with them i' the family of love,
And by their bodyes here must ly to rest
That with them shee may rise together blest.

Chittlehampton, Devon.



1667. Sarah Ruddle.

The Husband's Valediction.

Blest soule since thou art fled into the slumbers of the dead, 'Why should mine eyes

Let fall unfruitful tears, the offspring of despair and fears, To interrupt thy obsequies.

No, no, I won't lament to see thy day of trouble spent;
But since thou art gone,

Farewell! sleep, take thy rest, upon a better husband's breast, Until the Resurrection.

Launceston, Cornwall.



1667. Rev. John Williams.

Svch pillars layde afide
How can the Church abid.
Hee left his pvlpit hee
In Patmos God to fee
This shining light can have
No place to preach byts grave.

Colyton, Devon.



1667. Gilbert Camfield.

In this dust lyeth the body of Gilbert ye elder twin of Benjamin & Martha Camfield.

Eager to live he grow ded first Into this world by fin accurs d But being born he lived Not ful 3 months he tryed Likd not the place & dyed October the 9th 1667.

Beside the above is

Here resteth the body of Benjamin the younger twin of Benjamin and Martha Camfield who dyed April xx 1669

> Gone from his mother To his brother Lyes by his brother In his mother.

> > Whitwell, Derb.



1669. Thomas Merrett, Barber & Chirurgeon.

T hough only stones falute the reader's eye

H ere in deep filence precious dust doth lye

O bicurely fleeping in death's mighty store

M ingled with common earth, till time's no more.

A gainst Death's stubborn laws who does repine

S ince so much MERIT did his life resign?

M urmurs & tears are useless in the grave

E lie he whole Vollies at his Tomb might have.

R est here in Peace, who, like a faithful steward

R epaired the Church, the Poor & Needy cur'd.

E ternal mansions do attend the just,

T o clothe with Immortality their dust-

T ainted, whilst underground, with worms & rust.

Tewkesbury, Worc.



1669.

Epitaph

On the lamented death of his honored friend WILLIAM DRAX

Esq. who exchanged this life for immortality Decem 17 1669 in the 63 yeare of his age.

To thy dear memory bleft foule I paie This humble tribuit though in fuch a way As reather doth proclaime my want of skill Than any want of love of heart or will True to thy trust none in our memory Can charge the more or less with treuchery Bring forth the p'fon, Rich, poore, old or younge That can justly say he ever did them wrong In others weal or woe thy heart Would sympathies and take its part Oh what's more like the Deity Than bleffed hoary piety A foule fitted for heaven when glorious Grace Triumphs with him in his fure resting place But is he dead Can I beleeve That he should die and we should live Methinks we may the knot untie Better to live fitter to dye Now death I see doth wisely chuse The gold but doth the drofs refuse Weepe not as without hope cry not alas Hees better where hee is than where he was Hearke, is not that his voice doth he not fay Heaven's meanest mansion, is worth this globe of clay Who fo doth live and doe and die like thee His fame shall last to all eternity.

S. Helen's, Bishopsgate.

[The writer of the above is quite unknown.]



Lawrence 1669. Thomas Cole.

Reader you have within this grave

A COLE rakt up in dust;

His courteous fate saw it was late,

And that to bed he must:

So all was swept up to be kept

Alive untill the day

The trump shd blow it up, & show

The COLE but sleeping lay.

Then do not doubt the COLE'S not out,

Though it in ashes lyes;

That little spark now in ye dark

Will like a Phoenix rise.

Lillington, Dorfet.



1670. Rev. Richard Richardson, 25 years minister.

Mysta, sidelis, amans, colui, docui, relevavi, Numen, oves, inopes, pectore, voce, manu. Laude orbem, splendore polum, cineresque beatos, Fama illustravit, mens colit, urna tenet.

Killyleagh, co. Down.



1670. Thomas More.

Stay here awhile, and his fad fate deplore, Here lyes the body of one *Thomas More*; His Name was *More*, but now it may be faid He is no more, because that now he's dead, And in this place doth lye sepulchared.

Barking, Effex.

[Somewhat fimilar lines are faid to be, or to have been, at S. Benet's, Paul's Wharf.

"Here lyes one More, & no more than he
One more, & no more—how can that be
One More & no more may well lye here alone;
But here lyes one more, & that is more than one."]



1670. Richard Adlam.

Ricardus Adlam hujus Ecclesiae Vicarius, obiit Feb: 10. 1670.

Apostrophe ad Mortem.

Damn'd tyrant! can't profaner blood suffice? Must Priests that offer be the sacrifice? Go, tell the genii that in Hades lye,
Thy triumphs o'er this sacred Calvary,
Till some just Nemesis avenge our cause,
And sorce this kill-priest to revere good laws!

King's Teignton, Devon.



1671. Katherine Gourd.

Under this Tomb a Female Gourd doth lye Was only born to have that name & dye Shee from the womb unto the grave was sent In a few daies: yet this no Punishment But Happiness that shee a Race hath run To Ease: which some have scarce begun And bee at once a rifeing and a fetting fun. Set did I fay, Noe, the doth thine more clear But in another orb, another spheer: O happy thou, thrice happy thou Who ne'er didst know What 'twas to make or to break thy vow Nor thou into noe finne didst never fall But that wee mortals term originall Which though it wound the foule the first was pure Our Saviour's blood will prove His fovereign cure Sweet innocent thou in no feas wast tost Nor in a wilderness an age was lost Till to the promised Canaan thou didst come All pious men's ye patriarchs & thy home. O had I but my wish then I should bee Soone or at last sweet Saint to be with thee.

Forrabury, Cornw.



1671. Thomas & Rose Gorges.

The lovinge turtell having mist her mate Beg'd shee might enter ere they shut the gate Their dust here lies whose soules to Heaven are gone And waite till Angels rowle away the stone.

Heavitree, Devon.



1672. William Finch.

Diste Gradum

Peripatetice, & paulisper contemplare
Ornatissimi microcosmi heu! breves reliquias
Nunc in pulverem redacti olim
GULIELMI FINCH, Armigeri antiqua &
in Agro Cantii Familia oriundi

Naturae et Gratiae dotibus egregie nobilitate Ad Oris Corporisq venustatem accessit major Animae pulchritudo optimis virtutibus infignitae Quas in Christianae Religionis testimonium et decus luculenter usque exeruit.

Eximia in Deum. O. M. Pietate erga Sacros Pastores summa Reverentia Fidelitate in Principem, Justitia in Proximum Conjugali Paternaq Indulgentia Singulari in Familiares affectu integerrimo propensa in Omnes Benevolentia; Linguâ castus et candidus, manu supra sidem Liberalis; Nemini turpiter obloqui, aut obtrectare solitus omnibus benefacere, imprimis Egenis absq; praecinente buccina, Eleemosynis pariter ac Thesauris plenus, quo probe accumulatus in Terra plurimos prudens Mercator in Coelo recondidit, Vitam tandem commutandis aliquandiu mercibus prospere transactam 42 Ætatis annum emensus Jun 27. 1672. Meliori quaestu cum

Morte comutavit.

Relictis et bonae Spei Parvulis cum dilectiffima et amantiffima Uxore quae in perpetuam tam chari Capitis Memoriam Monumentum hoc constantissimi Amoris Pignus, extruendum curavit, Ipsa interim moerore cum Illo consepulta Abi iam attonitus Viator & mirare tam probum in tam pravo seculo Virum, aut vivere

potuisse, aut debuisse MORI.

ESTHER FINCH, Foemina castissima, Viro morigera et curae domesticae dulce levamen liberorum (quos septem reliquit) mater provida, Sincera pietate, alacri erga tenuiores benignitate, liberalitate in omnes, morum denique sanctitate cospicua. Viri (dum in vivis esset) decus simul et solamen, defuncti Vidua supra quam dici potest moestissima. Vixit annos 41. Menses 5. Demptis diebus 11. Obiit maii die 4 Anno Salutis 1673.

S. Helen's, Bishopsgate.

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1673.

Received of PHILIP HARDING his borrowed earth July 4th 1673.

Crudwell, Wilts.



1674. John Robinson.

Death parts the dearest lovers for a while, But makes them mourn who only used to smile: But after death our unmixt loves shall tie Eternall Knots betwixt my Love & I.

J. R.

I SARAH SMITH whom thou didst love alone For thy dear sake have laid this marble stone.

Aldenham, Herts.



1679. Chesten Bewes, aged 19.

Reader, this faint's dust doth affect all eies
Which saw her to incessant obsequies;
'Tis her dust who was while she trod this stage,
The beauty and the glory of her age.
Marryed scarce matched, on earth anon,
God took her and espoused her to his sonn.
Though both her parents live both widow'd be,
Shortened in time by her eternity.
Tears would dissolve them did they not believe
With her to joy more then for her they grieve.

Launceston, Cornwall.



1680. Isobel Campbell.

Stones weep tho' eyes were dry:
Choicest slowers soonest die:
Their sun oft sets at noon,
Whose fruit is ripe in June.
Then tears of joy be thine,
Since earth must soon resign
To God what is divine.
Nasci est aegrotare
Vivere est mori,
Mori est vivere.

Balqubidder, N. B.



1681. Daniel Blackford.

When I was younge I ventered life and blood Boath for my Kinge and for my Countrey's good; In elder yeares my care was cheife to bee Souldiere for Him that shed His Blood for mee.

Oxhill, Warwick.



1682. Rev. Thomas Flavel.

THOMAE FLAVEL CLERICI

Joh: F. Flavel S. T. D. Fil:

Com: Somersetens: NATI

SCHOLAE TIVERT: DEV: ALUMNI

COLL: SS. TRINITATIS OXON. A. M.

Eccles: { Mullianensis Vicarii Sti. Ruani majoris Rectoris

ÆD: PETRI EXON: PREBEND:

HIC DEPONUNTUR EXUVIAE, ANNO AETATIS SUAE LXXVIJ ET DOI NOSTRI JES: XTI. 1682.

EARTH TAKE THINE EARTH: MY SIN LET SATAN HAVET, THE WORLDE MY GOODS, MY SOULE MY GOD WHO GAVET: For from these foure, Earth, Satan, World & God, My Flesh, my Sin, my Goods, my Soule, I had.

Bl Mullyon, Cornw.



1683. Izaac Walton. (Piscator.)

Alas! Hee's gone before, Gone to returne noe more. Our panting Breasts aspire After their aged Sire, Whose well-spent Life did last Full ninety yeares, and past, But now he hath begun That which will ne'ere bee done, Crown'd with eternall bliffe; We wish our souls with his.

Votis modestis sic sterunt liberi.

Winchester Cathedral.

[Written by Bishop Ken?]



1684. Charles Lifter.

Hic jacet

Carolus Lister, in utraque

Acad: Med: Stud: Qui ipfe, paulo

Ante mortem, fuam cecinit Cygnaeam cantionem.

I Cor: xv. 55.

Ubi Mors aculeus tuus?

Grata venis, Mors,

Grata venis, nec

Me tua terrent

Spicula quae nunc

Sentio in aegro

Corpore fixa

Mors etenim agni

In cruce caesi

(O Amor ingens!)

Undique mentem

Munit, et illam Servat ab omni

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Vulnere tutam.

Phil: i. 23.

Cupio dissolvi, &c.

Mens mea mundum,

Vanaque vitae

Somnia et umbras

Laeta relinquit

Et cupit alis

Nixa duabus

Speque, fideque

Scandere fummas

Ætheris oras

Merset ubi se

Flumine puri

Gaudii, Jesu,

Teque fruatur

Omnis in aeva.

Obiit die 5 Aug: Æt: 23. Sal: 1684.

Bardsey, Yorksh.



1684. John Musgrave.

Depositum Johannis Musgrave de Nettlecombe, Gent: Filii natu quarti, qui sibi uni visus est dire se vixisse. Natus est iijo die Martij Anno 1656. Obijt Aprilis xvo anno 1684.

Much of my welfare & content below
I to my Mother's love & vertues owe:
Wherfore this humble grave fo neere her bones
I more esteem than elsewhere marble stones.

JOHN MUSGRAVE.

Nettlecombe, Somerset.



1685.

Here lyes DANIEL McMICHEL, Martyr, shot dead at Dalveen by Sir John Dalziel for his adhering to the Word of God, Christ's Kingly Government in his House and the Covenanted Work of Reformation against tyranny, perjury, and prelacy 1685.—Revelations xi. 11.

As Daniel was cast in lyons' den
For praying unto God and not to men
So lyons cruelly devoured me
For bearing witness to Truth's testimony
I rest in peace till Jesus rend the cloud
And judge 'twixt me and those who shed my Bluid.

Darrisdeer, Dumfriessbire.

1685. Robert Clarke.

But is Clarke dead? What dost thou say?
His soule's alive—his body here doth lie
But in a sleep until the Judgement Day
And live he shall unto Eternity:
Men say he's dead—I say so too,
And ere awhile they'll say the same of you.

Banham, Norfolk.

1687. John & Ann Mably.

Remember man within thy youthfull dayes to serve the Lord eare death thy body seize then live to dye to gaine soe high a prize that thy poore soule may liue in paradise.

Here is the loue of my wife shone that where we ly by this it may be known my wife & i did in loue soe well agree yet must i part for God would have it soe to bee from my wife ANN MABLY.

S. Enoder, Cornw.



1687.

Born Feb: 1582.

Here lyes STEPHEN RUMBOLD

He lived to the age of an hundred and one
Sanguine and strong

An hundred to one you don't live so long.

Dy'd March 4. 1687.

Brightwell-Baldwin, Oxon.

1687. John Rosewell.

This grave's a bed of roses, here doth ly John Rosewell, Gent. his wife, nine children by. Aetatis suae 79. Obijt 1 Decemb. anno 1687.

Englishcombe, Somerset.

1688. Rebecca Rogers.

A house she hath, it's made of such good fashion,
The tenant neer shall pay for reparation;
Nor will the Landlord ever raise her rent,
Or turn her out of doors for non-payment.
From chimney money too, this cell is free
To such an house as this who would not Tenant be?

Folkestone, Kent.

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1689. Nicholas Greenhill, First Head-Master, on record, of Rugby School, Rector of Whitnash, Warw.

This Greenhill periwig'd with snow
Was leavild in the Spring:
This Hill yo Nine and Three did know
Was facred to his king.
But he must Downe although so much Divine
Before he Rise never to Set but Shine.

[Dr. Greenhill died 1650, aged 70, but this epitaph was not set up till 1689 by his successor in the Rectory, "Ri: Boles, M" Art:" who also composed for himself the following epitaph which appears on a brass plate near the foregoing.]



1689. Richard Boles.

This Mirrour makes me Slight a Life Halfe Dead, Because a Better comes when this is Fled.

My Time and Place where I doe Live are knowne: My Deathe & Graue none knowes but God alone.

My Death Is certaine, & Vncertaine, Then Mortalls Beware, Death comes you know not when. I value not a Tombe, obscure to lie With Vertue is our Immortalitie.

My life runs on Five yeares beyond Four Score.

Once I must die, and then shall Die no more.

R. L. Boles, Ano: Dni: 1689. Ætat: Meae 85.

Whitnash, Warw.



1689.

Heir is the Burial-place appointed for JOHN GEEDES, Glover, Burges in Elgin, and ISSOBELL McKEAN his Spous, and their relations.

Grace me guid: in hope I byde.

Memento mori.

THIS WARLD IS A CITIE
FULL OF STREETS &
DEITH Y MERCAT
THAT A' MEN MEETS
IF LYFE WERE A THING
THAT MONIE COLD
BUY THE PUIR COLD
NAT LIUE & Y RICH
WOLD NAT DYE.

South wall of Elgin Cathedral.

[Versions of the above are also to be seen at Milton, Kent, and at Bengeo and Hatfield, Herts.]



1689. Christopher Kay.

C onfined . in . a . bed . of . dvst

H ere . doth . a . body . lye

R aised . again . it . will . be . I . trust

I nto . the . heavens . high.

S in . not . but . have . a . care

T o . make . your . calling . fvre

O mit . those . things . which . trivial . are

P rise . that . whe . will . indvre.

H ange . not . your . minde . on . fecvlar . things

E ch . one . doth . fade . apace

R iches . the . chief . of . whe . hath . wings

K eeping . no . certaine . place.

A dict . your . felves . vnto . his . conuerfation

Y ovr . pvrchase . heaven . for . your . habitation.

Masbam, Yorksb.

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1690. Thomas Gabetis, Steward to the Countess of Pembroke.

The wife—the eloquent—the just Lies here interred among the dust Below, who forty years & more Was Sheriffe—now is Heaven's store How wife & understanding too

At 86 as those that woo—
When Death, with crooked scythe & glass,
Sett out the bounds he should not pass,
Saintlike his sickness, & his death
Admired by all. His parting breath
So sweet as might perfume the earth.
Doubtless that spotless soul of his
Is gone into eternall bliss.

Brough, Linc.



1690. Martha Tyrrell.

Could this stone speake it would the reader tell She that lyes here did her whole sex excell: And why should death, with a promiscuous hand, At one rude stroake impoverish a land?

East Horndon, Essex.



1690. James Anderson.

Among the earth beneath this ftone Doth his forefathers ly And this hath been ther burial place Syne man's rememberie.

Strathmartin, N. B.



1690. Hannah Wheeler.

Grace, sweetness, beauty,—yet not touched with pride, She lived beloved, & much lamented died.

Morchard-Bishop, Devon.



1691. John Howse, &c.

Within this Little Howse three howse lye John Howse, James Howse, ye short-liv'd twins, & I Anne, of John Howse once ye endeared wise Who lost mine owne To give those Babes their Life. We three though Dead yet speake & put in mind The Husband Father, whome we left behind That we were howses only made of clay, And calld For, could no longer Here stay, But were layd Here to take our rest & ease By Death, who taketh whome & where he please.

Langford, Berks.



1691. Edward Poyntz, Gent. aged 81.

A generous mind, a ftout courageous heart,
A man uel ftor'd wth policy, witt & art;
In feats of warre and lawe he did abound
As scarce beyond him any could be found.
What could be learnt both here & 'yond yo maine,
He in's vast memorie strongly did retaine.
A uel experienced man in all affairs
He svch a name 'mongst us suruiuing bears.
His body is here below, his sovle is fled
Whither yo winged cherubims are fed.

Bittadon, Devon.



1693. Mary Angell, aged 72.

To fay an angel here doth interr'd lye

May be thought strange, for angels never dye:

Indeed some fell from heaven to hell,

Are lost, & rise no more:

This only fell from death to earth,

Not lost, but gone before.

Her dust lodg'd here: her soule, perfect in grace,

'Mongst saints & angels now hath took its place.

Stepney, Middlesex.



1694. John Velley.

In memory of JOHN VELLEY of HARTLAND, Gentleman, who faithfully ferved that Glorious Martyr PRINCE CHARLES & his Son during the late Civil Wars of England as a Captaine Lewetenant to SIR RICHARD CARY, and having survived these calamities lived to the enioyment of peace & prosperity & a good old age, dying in his 77th year, Dec^r 7th, 1694.

Stoke S. Nectan, Devon.



1694. John Weles.

Quod fuit effe quod effe Quod non fuit effe quod effe Effe quod eft non effe Quod eft non eff erit effe.

Lavenham, Norfolk.

[Translation by Dr. Byrom.

What was John Weles is what John Weles was not, The mortal being has immortal got. The Weles that was but a non ens, is gone, And now remains the true eternal John.

' Q. S.' in ' Notes and Queries,' 1853, gives a similar epitaph in English, without place or date.

That which a being was, what is it? show: That being which it was, it is not now. To be what 'tis, is not to be, you see, That which now is not, shall a being be.

There would feem to be a reference to Eccles. i. 9, and iii. 15, "Quid est quod fuit ? ipsum quod futurum est; quid est quod factum est? ipsum quod faciendum est."

"Quod factium est, ipsum permanet: quæ futura sunt, jam fuerunt: et Deus instaurat quod abiit."

The lines occur also at Horsham, Sussex, with the following addition:

Vita malis plena eft,

Mors pia—preciosa corona.

Post vitam mors est:

Post mortem vita beata.]



1694. Mr. Thomas Holmes.

Dear HOLMES hath found A Home amongst the Blest, His wearied bodie for to rest: For nowhere can his Flesh True slumber have,

But in this Truest Home in Homely Grave. His soule in Heavenly Tunes doth sing

Hell, where's thy Triumph? Death, where's thy Sting?

Bunhill Fields Cemetery.



1694. Deborah Keene.

Here lieth interred Mrs. DEBORAH KEENE late OWNER of the MANOR of BRAUNTON-ARUNDELL in this Parish. Shee was baptized Feb: 24th. 1624. lived unmarried, and was buried

Dec. 31st. 1694.

VIRGINITY was had in estimation,
And wont to be observed with veneration:
ABOVE 'tis still so, single life is sed,
None may marry nor are married,
But live angelick lives: & VIRGINS crown'd,
All with their coronetts the LAMBE surround.
This maiden LANDLADY hath one obtain'd,
Who tho' much sought in marying still restain'd,
And now the inheritance undefiled has gayn'd.

HEREDES POSUERE.

Braunton, Devon.

1695. William Newberry.

Hic jacet Newberry Will
Vitam finivit Cochiae pill:
Quis administravit? Bellamy Sue:
Quantum quantitas? Nescio—
Scisne tu?
Ne sutor ultra crepidam.

Edmonton, Middlesex.



1696. Andrew Meekie, late Parish Dominie.

Beneath thir stanes lye Meekie's banes:
O Sawtan, gin ye tak him,
Appeynt him tutor to your weans,
An' clever deils he'll mak 'em.

Curry by Edinburgh.



1697. Captain John Dunch.

Though Boreas' blafts & Neptune's waves
Have toff'd me to & fro:
In spite of both by Heaven's decree,
Harbour I here below.
Where I do now at anchor ride
With many of our fleet:
Yet once again I must set saile,
Our ADMIRAL CHRIST to meet.

Stepney, Middlesex.

[Also, with slight variations, at Ipswich, and at Ilfracombe and Pilton, Devon.]



1697. Mr. Nathaniel Vincent, Minister of the Gospel.

Though dead I ly, I speake to you that liue: Your Heart, your All, be sure to God you give: At death the day of grace will fully end, In Grief for bad, in Good Works your time spend. Earthe is but Vanitie: Christ's Worth, and of his Cross The Vertue know, & Greatness of Soule's loss.

Immortal Soules to benefit and faue
I have thus made a Pullpit of my Graue.

Bunbill Fields Cemetery.

[The first two lines occur on other tombstones of "Ministers."]



1698. John Geers, aged 80.

Lo here he lyes! His poor remains
This gloomy monument contains:
Let Fame in happy flory tell
How much he others did excell
In living and in loving well.
Bleft with a competent effate,
None thought him little, none too great:
From Pride & avarice exempt,
Unenvyed yet above contempt.
To those in want Heaven's almoner,

To all his friends extremely dear. Sincerely loyal to his Prince, A favourite of Providence. Oh, had I lived a life like thine, I then might wish this grave were mine.

Bridge Solers, Hereford.



1698. Rev. Griffith Higgs.

Time's a thought to think upon,
Thought's time is past & quickly gone,
Yet Time stands here for all to see:
Think on't & death then, what thou't bee
At roome unto eternitie.
The Church I lov'd, in it I fear'd
Within the Church to be interr'd:
But meekly I my GOD implore
A place to ly, tho' at ye doore.
Griffith Higgs his Memento, born the
18 of Octob 1608. Who died the
18 of February, 1698.

South Stoke, Oxon.



1699. John Randall.

Here old John Randall lies
Who counting from his tale
Lived threescore years & ten
Such virtue was in Ale.
Ale was his meat,
Ale was his drink,
Ale did his heart revive;
And if he could have drunk his Ale,
He still had been alive;
But he died January five
1699.

Gt. Wolford, Worc.



1699.

GRISELL WEST, spous to John Carnegie, Doctor of the Gramer Schuil of Aberbrothok.

Here lyes a wife was chast, a mother blest, A modest woman, all these in on chest: Sarah unto her mate, Mary to God, Martha vnto men, whilst here she had abode.

Arbroath, N. B. .



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Thus youth, and age, and all things pass away,
Thy turn is now as his was yesterday:
Tomorrow shall another take thy room,
The next day he a prey for worms become:
And on your dusty bones shall others tread,
As now you walk and trample on the dead,
Till neither sign or memory appear,
That you had ever birth or being here.

North Mimms, Herts.



1700. Francis Thwaites.

Here lies the body of Mr. Ffrancis, the fon of Mr. Ffrancis Thwaits, Rector of Stanford, & of Ann his Wife, who dyed the 4th of Septr. in the 2nd year of his age. 1700.

As carefull nurses
To their bed doe lay
Their children which too
Long would wanton play:
Soe to prevent all my
Ivening crimes,
Nature my Nurse laid
Me to bed betimes.

Stanford, Notts.

[Alfo at Wilford, Notts.]

1702. Joseph Sommers, aged 9.

A LITTLE TIME DID BLAST MY PRIME
AND BROUGHT ME HETHER
THE FAIREST FLOWER WITHIN AN HOURE
MAY FADE AND WETHER.

Cerne Abbas, Dorset.

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1702. Thomas Heminge.

The body that here buried lies
By lightnings fell death's facrifice
To him Elijah's fate was given
He rode on flames of fire to heaven.
Then mourn no more Hee's taken hence
By the just hand of Providence.
O God, the judgments of thy seat
Are wondrous good & wondrous great
Thy ways in all thy works appear
As thunders loud as lightnings clear.

Tintagel, Cornw.

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1703. William Borrows.

'Tis true I led a fingle life, And Nare was married in my life, For of that Seck I nare had none: It is the Lord; his will be done.

Braunston, Northants.

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1706. Susan Pattison.

To free me from domestic strife

Death called at my house, but he spake with my Wise.

Susan, wise of David Pattison lies here,

Stop Reader, and, if not in a hurry, shed a tear.

Hadleigh, Suffolk.



1706. Abraham Baby.

Beneath this place in 6 foot in length against y. Clark's Pew Lyeth the body of

MR. ABM. BABY,

Also Y" BODY OF MARY HIS WID.

She dyed ye 21st May, 1705

Also 2 Children of ye said Abm. and Mary, which dyed in their enfantry.

Man's life is like untoe a winter's daye, Some brake their faste, and so depart awaye. Others sta dinner—then depart full fed. The longest age but supps and goes to bed. O reader, then behold and see As we are now so must ye be.

1706.

Croyland, Linc.

[Somewhat fimilar lines are found at a later date in feveral churchyards, e.g., Stirling, 1809; Barnwell Priory, 1772; Llangollen, &c.]



1707. James Marsball.

Farewell poor world, I must be gone, Thou art no home, no rest for me, I'll take my staff & travel on, Till I a better world may see.

Put on, my foul, put on with speed, Tho' the way be long, the end is near: Once more, poor world, sarewell indeed,

Oakham, Rutland.

1 Illegible.

1708. John Vine.

I hope, I think, I understan Here lies the body of an honest man: I trust in CHRIST and hope that he The joys of Heaven now do see.

North Stonebam, Hants.



1709.

Here lieth RICHARD DENT In his laste tenement.

Finedon, Northants.

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1710. Mary Cripps.

Her body Earthly was, and to the Earth
Descended is, from whence it took its Birth.
Her Soul from a more high Originall
Mounted alost, became Angelicall.
Clog not her wings, then, with your dewy tears
On which She's rais'd above the Starry Spheres.
Cease Husband, Children, cease, give God the praise
Which She now warbles in immortal Layes.

Tetbury, Glouc.

1711. Samuel Okey, aged 10.

Here lies for Adam's first offence Beauty, Wit, and Innocence: E'er such another turn to Earth, Time shall throw a Dart at Death.

Bunhill Fields Cemetery.

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1711.

GEORGE ARCHER & AGNES WALKER his wife.

Here lyes within this airthen airk
An Archer grave and wise:
Faith was his Arrow, CHRIST the Mark,
And Glory was the Prize.
His Bow is now an Hairp, his Song
Doth Halleluiahs indite:
His confort Walker went along
To walk with CHRIST in white.

Leslie, Fife.



1713. Edmund Stephens, Yeoman, aged 72.

When he had served his God, His Church, his Friend, His Family, 'twas fit his life should end: As then he had no more strength to bestow, And God for him had no more work to doe. Even as a guest well fed with Nature's stores, Thankful & pleased, steps slowly out of doors, So did he leave the world, went off the stage Gently; not cloy'd, but satisfied with age. More time he asked not, but obey'd the call That then did him, at last shall summon all.

S. Winnion, Cornw.



1714. Robert Gilbert, Esq. of Cantley.

In wife Frugality luxuriant,
In Justice & Good Actes extravagant,
To all the world an universal Friend,
No foe to any but the savage kind.
How many fair estates have been grac'd
By the same generous means; yet his increas'd.
His duty thus perform'd to Heaven & Earth,
Each leisure hour fresh toilsome sports gave birth.
Had NIMROD seen, he would ye game decline,
To GILBERT mighty hunter's name resign:
Tho' hundreds to the grounds he oft has chas'd,
That subtle Fox Death earth'd him here at last,
And lest a fragrant scent so sweet behind
That ought to be pursu'd by all mankind.

Cantley, Norfolk.



1714. Thomas Goldsmith, Commander of the "Snapdragon" privateer: who became a Pirate.

Men that are virtuous ferve the Lord; And the devil's by his friends ador'd; And as they merit get a place Amidst the blest of hellish race; Pray then, ye learned clergy, shew Where can this brute Tom Goldsmith go? Whose life was one continu'd evil, Striving to cheat God, man, and devil.

Dartmouth, Devon.



1715. Freame Clutterbuck, an infant.

When CHRIST commands away 'Tis Sin to wish to stay Tho' soon thy Glass be run For Heav'n thou'rt not too young For all are like thee there Go then, and be Heav'n's Heir.

Stroud, Glouc.



1715.

Remember Man as you
Pasby as You Are Now
So once Was i As i Am
Now So Must You Bee
Make Peace with CHRIST And
FOLLOW ME
Fear God and keep His Command
Ment This is yo whole duty of
MAN.

Potterne, Wilts.



1716. John Affe.

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Here lyes dear JOHN, his parents' love & ioy,
That most pretty & ingenious boy,
His matchless soul is not yet forgotten,
Though here the lovely body dead & rotten.
Ages to come may wonder at his same,
And here his death by shameful malice came.
How spiteful some did use him, & how rude,
Griese will not let me write: but now conclude;

To God for ever all praise be given, Since we hope he is with him in heaven.

J. A. ob: 23 Dec: 1716.

Dinton, Wilts.

1716. Mary Tilly.

Reader, behold me; I return to dust, Yet, at the resurrection of the just, My body to my soul shall be united, To love with Christ, in whom I have delighted.

Ewerne Minster, Dors.



1718.

Here lieth the body of Margaret Lupton, late wife of Mr. Sampson Lupton of Braisty Woods in Netherdale, who departed this life the 2^d of November, anno Domini, 1718 in the 74th year of her age, & lived to be mother & grandmother to above 150 children, and at the baptizing of the first grandchild, the child had ten grandfathers & grandmothers then present.

Ripon, Yorksh.



1719. Jeremiah Simpson.

Here lieth He ould Jeremy who hath eight times maried been but now in his ould age he lies in his cage under the grass so green which Ieremiah simp son departed this Life in the 84 yeare of his age in the year of our Lord

1719.



Welton, Yorksh.

1720. Henry Wilcock.

TO . THE . MEMORY . OF HENERY . THE . SON . OF . HEN .

ERY . AND . HONOUR . WILCOCK .

HE . WAS . BVRIED . THE . 19 . DAY . OF . JUNE . IN . THE . YEAR . 1720 . AGED . 24.

Stay . awhile . you . paffers . bye .

And . fee . how . I . in . dust . doe . lye .

Tho . I . ly . here . in . confusing . mould .

I . shall . rife . vp . like . shining . gold .

Stoke S. Nectan, Devon.

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1721. John Whittle & Deborah his wife.

The Fates John Whittle to the clay
And prison close have sent;
His lease was out, he could not stay,
For Death would have his rent.
Cover'd with dust the sarmer lies,
By Deborah confin'd:
When trumpet sounds these doves will rise,
And leave their chains behind.

Stourton Candel, Dorfet.



1723. Frances Fry.

Stop passenger, and view this mournful shrine,
That holds ye reliques of a form divine;
O! she was all persection, heavenly fair!
And chaste and innocent as mortals are.
Her wit & humour and her youth conspired
To warm ye soul, and all who saw admired:—
But ah! how soon was all ye heaven of charms
Risted by death, and withered in his arms;
Too soon for us, but not for her too soon!
For now upon ye wings of angels slown,
Their native skies, she's by her God caressed,
And keeps eternal sabbath with the blessed.

Learn hence betimes, (good reader) to be wife, This trifling world and all its joys despise. With each bright virtue let thy bosom swell, And live like her, yt you may dye so well.

Membury, Devon.



1723. Frances Flood.

Stop Reader and wonder! see as strange as e'er was known, My seet dropt off from my body, in the midst of the bone. I had no surgeon for my help, but God Almighty's aid On whome I always will rely, and never be afraid:

Tho' here beneath Intred they ly, corruption for to see:
Yet they shall rise and reunite to all Eternity.

FRANCES FLOOD.

Apl. 1. 1723.

Saltford, Somers.



1724. Elizabeth wife of Richard Cupper.

Sharp was her wit, mild was her nature: A tender wife & a good humoured creature.

Ombersley, Worc.

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1724. Elizabeth Corbett.

Here rests a Woman, good without Pretence, Blest with plain Reason, and with sober Sense: No conquest she but o'er herself desired; No arts essayed, but not to be admired. Passion and Pride were to her Soul unknown, Convinced that Virtue only is our own. So unasseded, so composed a mind, So sirm, yet soft, so strong, yet so refined, Heaven as its purest Gold, by Tortures try'd, The Saint sustain'd it, but the Woman dy'd.

S. Margaret's, Westminster.
[Written by Pope.]



1675. 1725. Richard Tully.

Here lies old Mr. RICHARD TULLY, Who liv'd an C & 3 years fully, And threefcore years before the Mayor The Sword of this City he did bear. Nine of his wives do by him lye, So shall the tenth when she doth dy.

S. Katharine's, Gloucester.



1727. George Warmington, of Camelford, Gent.

Tis my request My bones may rest Within this chest Without molest.

S. Stephen Dunheved, Cornw.



1727.

John Durston, Rector of Alton Berners, Wilts, and of this Church more than 40 years, æt. 82.

All words are vain
Where none can count the worth.

Miserden, Glouc.



1728. Henry Raper.

Here Henry Raper Lies in dust; His stature small, His mind was just. 1728.

Ripon, Yorksh.



1729. Robert & Mary Digby, second son & eldest dau. of William, Lord Digby.

> Go, fair example of untainted youth, Of modest reason & pacific truth; Compos'd in sufferings, & in joy sedate, Good without noise, without pretension great; Go, just of word, in ev'ry thought fincere, Who knew no wish but what the world might hear; Of gentlest manners, unaffected mind, Lover of peace, a friend of human kind; Go, live, for heaven's eternal year is thine; Go, & exalt thy mortal to divine. And thou, too close attendant on his doom, Blest maid, hast hastened to the silent tomb; Steer'd the same course to the same quiet shore, Not parted long, and now to part no more. Go then, where only bliss fincere is known, Go, where to love & to enjoy are one! Yet take these tears, Mortality's relief, And, till we share your joys, forgive our grief; These little rites, a stone & verse, receive, 'Tis all a father, all a friend can give.

> > A POPE

Sherborne Abbey, Dorset.



1730. Sir James Shepherd, Knt., Sergeant at law.

In expectation is diei supremi. qualis erat Dies iste indicabit.

Honiton, Devon.

[English versions of this may be seen at Ilfracombe, and at Coston-Hackett.]



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1730. Robert Preston, late drawer at the "Boar's Head Tavern," Great Eastcheap, aged 27.

Bacchus, to give the toping world surprise,
Produc'd one sober son, and here he lies.
Tho' nurs'd among sull hogsheads, he defy'd
The charm of wine, & every vice beside.
O reader, if to justice thou'rt inclin'd,
Keep honest Preston daily in thy mind.
He drew good wine, took care to fill his pots,
Had sundry virtues that outweigh'd his sauts.
You that on Bacchus have the like dependance,
Pray copy BOB in measure of attendance.

S. Michael's, Eastcheap.



1732. Charles Claudius Philips.

Whose absolute contempt of riches, & innimitable performances on the Violin made him the admiration of all that knew him. He was born in Wales, made the Tour of Europe, & after the experience of both kinds of Fortune, died in the year 1732.

Exalted foul, thy various founds could please The lovefick virgin, & the gouty ease, And jarring crowds, like old Amphion, move To beauteous order & harmonious love. Now rest in peace, till Angels bid thee rise And join thy Saviour's concert in the skies.

Wolverhampton.



1733. Edward Strange.

Vain King of Terrors, boast no more Thine antient wide extended pow'r; Each saint in life, with Christ his head, Shall reign, when thou thyself art dead.

Abston, Glouc.



1733. Mrs. Ann Clarke.

On helples Babes I did attend,
Whilst I on earth my life did spend:
To help the helples in their need
I ready was with care & speed.
Many from pain my hands did free,
But none from death could rescu me.
My course is run & hower is past,
And you is coming all so fast.

John Bradley was the first child she received into this world, in 1698, & since, above 5000!

Tiverton, Devon.



1734. John Eykyn.

MARIAM juxta uxorem IOHANNES EYKYN, L.L.B.

Istius Ecclesiæ Rector,
Diem hic expectat
Supremum.
Tu vero Lector Vigila

Tu vero Lector Vigila Ne Dies tremendus ille Tibi fuperveniat inopinanti.

Farmington, Glouc.



1734. Robert Awood, Practitioner of Physic, & Elizabeth his dau. (æt. 7.)

Here lies a Father with his offspring dear, Joy of his Heart, & Solace of his Care; She fresh in Years, & tender in her Frame, Wither'd & fell by Febris' wastfull Flame. The Parent anxious to allay the Fire, Unguarded, stricken, did near her expire.

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Oh gloomy state of Man! when void of Fence Not Virtue stands, nor yet can Innocence! But since the Good awaits a better Lot; A Child of God's can never be forgot.

Slimbridge, Glouc.



1735. Rev. Samuel Wesley.

Here

Lieth all that was Mortal of Samuel Wesley A.M. he was Rector of Epworth 39 Years and departed this Life 25 of April 1735 Aged 72.

As he liv'd so he died in the true Catholic Faith of the Holy Trinity in unity and that Jesus Christ is God incarnate and the only Saviour of mankind. Acts 4—12.

Bleffed are the dead which die in the Lord yea faith the Spirit that they may reft from their labours and their works do follow them.

Rev. 14-13.

Epworth, Linc.

[From a rubbing.]



1736.

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The Lord faw good, I was lopping off wood, And down fell from the tree: I met with a check, & I broke my neck, And so death lopped off me.

Ockham, Surrey.



1736. John Spong, Carpenter.

Who many a sturdy oak had laid along, Fell'd by Death's surer hatchet, here lies Spong. Posts oft he made, yet ne'er a place could get, And liv'd by railing, tho' he was no wit. Old saws he had, altho' no antiquarian, And stiles corrected, yet no grammarian. Long liv'd he Ockham's prime architect; And lasting as his same a tomb t'erect In vain we seek an artist such as he Whose pales & gates are for eternity.

Ockham, Surrey.



1737. Humphry Jones.

Underneath this stone doth lye
The bodye of Mr. Humpherie
Jones, who was of late
By trade a plate
Worker in Barbicanne;
Well known to be a good manne
By all his friends & neighbours too,
And paid every bodie their due.
He died in the year 1737,
August 10th, aged 80; his soule, we hope's in heaven.

S. Pancras' Churchyard.



1740. Thomas Phillips.

Hoc faxum Vivus Moriturus mihi posui Thomas Phillips Gentleman.

Ickford, Bucks.



1745. Richard Auftin, Blacksmith.

My Sledge & Hammer lye declin'd, My Bellows too have loft their wind, My Fire's extinct, my Forge decaid, And in the duft my Vice is laid. My Coal is spent, my Iron's gone, My Naills are drove, my Work is done.

Aylesbury, Bucks.

[The above, said to have been written by Hayley, occurs, with slight variations, in many churchyards. In some sew cases two extra lines appear.

My fire-dried Corpse lies here at rest, My Soule, like Smoak, soars to be blest.]



1745. Samuel & Mary Auftin.

Stay awhile & spend a tear
Upon the dust that slumbers here
And while thou readst the sate of me
Think on you glasse that runs for thee.

MARY Wife of the above.

I grieve to think I cannot grieve no more To think my dearest Friend is gone before But fince it pleased God to part us here In Heaven I hope to meet my dearest dear.

Pewsey, Wilts.



1745. Anne Harrison.

S. M. Anne Harrison, well known by the name of NANNA RAN DAN, who was chaste but no prude; & tho' free yet no harlot. By Principle vertuous, by Education a Protestant; her freedom made her liable to censure, while her extensive charities made her esteemed. Her tongue she was unable to control, but the rest of her members she kept in subjection. After a life of 80 years thus spent, she died. 1745.

Easingwold, Yorksh.



1746. Daniel Jeffrey.

This Youth when in his fickness lay, did for the minister send × that he would Come & With him Pray × but he would not atend But when this young man Buried was The Minister did him admit × he should be Carried into Church × that he might money geet By this you See what man will dwo × to geet money if he can × who did resuse to come and pray × by the Foresaid young man.

West Allington, Devon.

[Query, How came the "Minister" to allow such an inscription to be set up in his churchyard?



1747. Joseph Trapp, D.D., Vicar.

Death, Judgment, Heaven, & Hell! Think, Christian, think! You stand on vast Eternity's dread brink:

Faith and Repentance, Piety and Prayer,
Despise this world, the Next be all your care;
Thus, while my Tomb the solemn silence breaks,
And to the eye this cold dumb marble speaks,
Tho' dead, I preach: if e'er with ill success
Living, I strove the important truths to press,
Your precious, your immortal souls to save,
Hear me at least, oh hear me from the grave!

S. Leonard, Foster-Lane.

1747. William West, aged 8.

The Lord was pleased His power to show In giving me a mortal throw,
Which was from off a waggon's head
Crush'd with the wheels as it was said.
Let this my death a warning be
The young or old I plainly see
Must go when death doth for you call
Appointed time there is for all.

Wolverton, Somers.



1751. Charles Rathbone.

Here Charles Rathbone he doth lie And by a misfortune he did die On the 17th of July.

1751.

S. Giles', Shrewsbury.

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1751. Joseph Dain.

Good peppell as you pass by
I pray you on me cast an I
For as you am so wounce wous I
And as i am so must you be
Therefore prepare to follow me.

Hastings, Sussex.



1751. James Ramsay, Portioner of Melrose.

The earth goeth on the earthe Glisteringe like gold
The earthe goeth to the earthe Sooner than it wold
The earth builds on the earthe Castles and Towers
The earthe says to the earthe All shall be ours.

Melrose, N. B.



1752. Charles Brown.

Here lyes in the dust Charles Brown
Sometime a wricht in London Town
Who comin' hame parents to see
And of his years being twenty three
Of a decay with a bad host
He dyed upon the Yorkshire cost.
The 18th of May 1752.
We hope his soule in Heaven rests now.

Leslie, Fife.



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1753. Thomas Payne, aged 11 years.

Silent Grave, to thee I trust These precious Piles of lovely Dust Keep them safely, sacred Tomb, Till a Father asks for Room.

T. F. hoc posuit 1754.

S. Helen's, Bishopsgate.

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1753.

Here lyes the body of JAMES VERNOR Esqr. only surviving son of Admiral Vernor, died the 23^d July, 1753.

S. Andrew's, Plymouth.



1756. Rebecca Leyborne.

In memory of Rebecca Leyborne Interr'd at the foot of this pillar, Born June the 4th, 1698, Deceased February 18, 1756.

A Wife more than twenty-three years to Robert Leyborne, D.D.

Who never saw her once ruffled with anger, or heard her utter even a peevish word;
Whether pain'd or injur'd, the same good woman,
In whose mouth, as in whose character,
was no contradiction:

Refign'd, gentle, courteous, affable:
Without paffion, tho' not without sense,
She took offence as little as she gave it;
She never was, or made, an enemy;
To servants mild; to relations kind;
To the poor a friend, to the stranger hospitable;
Always caring how to please her husband,
Yet was her attention to the one thing needful.
How sew will be able to equal,
What all should endeayour to imitate!

Bath Abbey.



1756. John Spearing.

Here beneath this Cold stone
Lies Harmonious John
Let not antient songs claim
To themselves all the same
Comparison leaves no room
Their harmonious Powers
Built but Walls & high Towers
We've raised with Musick
This Toom.

North Stoneham, Hants.



1756. Miss, Basnett.

Go spotless Honour & unfullied Truth,

Go fmiling Innocence & blooming Youth,

Go female Sweetness, join'd with manly Sense,

Go winning Wit that never gave offence,

Go foft Humanity that bleft the poor,

Go faint-eyed Patience from affliction's door,

Go Modesty that never wore a frown,

Go Vertue & receive thy heavenly Crown.

Not from a Stranger came this heartfelt verse, The Friend inscrib'd thy Tombe, whose Tear bedew'd thy herse.

S. Pancras.



1756. John Guley.

Here lieth the body of JOHN GULEY Sen² in expectation of the last Day. What fort of man he was, that Day will discover. He was clerk of this Parish 55 years. He died in 1756, aged 75.

Cofton Hackett, Worc.

1 This rather dubious remark occurs in more than one place, e.g., at Ilfracombe, Devon, to JOHN & MARY DOCKETT, of whom it is faid, "They was Governour & Governess of the Poor's House near this Church. They was members of the Church of England all their days. Their bodies lies in those two graves expecting a joyful Resurrection at the Last Day. What fort of people they was, that Day will discover."



1756. Mary Ward.

May this Monument be fuftained To the end of Time SACRED

To the Memory and Vertues of Miss MARY WARD

The Darling of her Friends
The Admiration of Strangers
And real Bleffing of her Family.

Her Person

Was tall and gracefull Her Features Handsome and Regular

But her Mind

Pious, Modest, Delicate and Amiable Beyond the credit of Description.

Parents of Children .

And Inhabitants of her Native Village Drop a Tear

To this Sweet Short-lived Flower
Who having just added a Complete Education

To her natural Excellencies DIED

Uncommonly Perfect and Lamented On the 30th Jany.

1756

Aged 15 years 6 months.

Gt. Wilbraham, Camb.



1757. John Dale.

Know posterity that on the 8th of April in the year of Grace 1757, the rambling remains of the above said JOHN DALE were in the 86th year of his pilgrimage, laid upon his two wives.

This thing, in life, might raise some jealousy; Here all three lie together lovingly; W

But from embraces here no pleasure flows, Alike are here all human joys & woes. Here Sarah's chiding John no longer hears, And old John's rambling Sarah no more fears; A period's come to all their toilsome lives; The Goodman's quiet, still are both his Wives.

Bakewell, Derb.

1758. Jane Wyatt.

O thou most beloved fister and dearest friend, let me thus bid thee a sorrowful but, as my soul hopes, not an everlasting farewell.

Ewerne Minster, Dorset.



1759. Thomas Yerbury.

From ev'ry blustrous Storm of Life, And that worst storm, domestick Strise, Which shipwrecks all our social joys, And ev'ry worldly Bliss destroys; I luck'ly am arrived at last, And safe in Port my Anchor's cast; Where shelter'd by the blissful Shore, Nought shall disturb, or vex me more; But joys serene, & calmest Peace, Which Christ bestows, shall never cease.

Newnham, Glouc.



1759. Thomas & Elizabeth Pyndar, & Reginald their Son.

As their Memorials have one Stone, So were their hearts entirely one; Whose Virtues could this Stone relate, Or couldst thou, Reader, imitate, This Stone all others would excell In speaking, those in doing well.

Kempley, Glouc.



1759. Joan Ley.

JOAN LEY here she Lay all mold in grave I Trust in God her Soul to save
And with her Saviour Christ to dwell
And there i hope to Live as well
This Compos by her Gratefull Husband
NICHOLAS LEY.

Ilfracombe, Devon.



1760. Benjamin Dobins.

The costly Marble may perhaps express In lying lines th' Unworthy's Worthiness: Thy humble Stone shall this sad Truth convey, The best belov'd is soonest call'd away. Full short, but full of Honour, was thy Span, Thou tender Husband, and thou honest Man.

Almondsbury, Glouc.



1760. John Gook.

Here lieth JOHN JAMES
COOK of NEWBY
who was a faithful fervant to his Master
and an
upright downright honest man.

Banes amang stanes
Do lye fou still:
Whik the soul wanders
Een where God will.

Ripon, Yorksb.



1761. " Beau Nash."

Adeste O Cives, adeste Lugentes!
hic filent Leges
RICARDI NASH, Armig.
nihil amplius imperantis:
qui diu et utilissimè
assumptus Bathoniae
elegantiae Arbiter,
eheu!
morti, (ultimo designatori)
haud indecorè succubuit,
ann. Dom. MDCCLXI. Ætat. suae LXXXVII.
beatus ille qui sibi imperiosus!

If focial virtues make remembrance dear,

Or manners pure on decent rule depend;

To His remains confign one grateful tear.

To His remains confign one grateful tear, Of youth the Guardian, and of all the Friend.

Now sleeps Dominion; here no Bounty slows; Nor more avails the festive scene to grace, Beneath that Hand which no discernment shews, Untaught to honour, or distinguish place.

Bath Abbey.

[Written by Dr. Harington.]



1764. John & Alice Browning.

Death in a good old age Ended our weary pilgrim stage It was to we a end of pain In hopes to enter Life again.

Legh Delamere, Wilts.



1765. Thomas Chambers.

"Of fuch is the kingdom of heaven."

HERE LIE THE REMAINS OF THOMAS CHAMBERS

DANCING MASTER

whose genteel address and affiduity

in Teaching

recommended him to all that had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

He died June 13, 1765.

Aged 31.

Llanbelig, Carnarv.



1767. Mary, the wife of the Rev. William Mason.

Take, holy earth, all that my foul holds dear; Take that best gift which heaven so lately gave. To Bristol's fount I bore with trembling care Her faded form; she bow'd to taste the wave, And died. Does youth, does beauty read the line? Does sympathetic fear their breasts alarm? Speak, dead Maria; breathe a strain divine: E'en from the grave thou shalt have power to charm. Bid them be chaste, be innocent, like thee; Bid them in duty's sphere as meekly move; And, if so fair, from vanity as free, As firm in friendship, and as fond in love. Tell them, though 'tis an aweful thing to die, ('Twas e'en to thee) yet the dread path once trod, Heav'n lifts its everlasting portals high, And bids "the pure in heart behold their GOD."

Bristol Cathedral.



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1767. Joseph Newton.

Who wished to live peaceably with all men. Born 12th July 1682: died Jany 10th 1767. He lived in the reigns of Twelve crowned heads of Englande.

Sheffield S. Peter.



1767. John Bilbie, Clockmaker, aged 33.

Bilbie, thy
Movements kept in play
For thirty years and more we fay,
Thy Balance or thy
Mainspring's broken,
And all thy movements cease to work.

Axbridge, Somers.



1768. John Archer, æt. 74.

Beneath this stone lies ARCHER JOHN,
Late Sexton I aver,
Who without tears for 34 years
Did carcases inter,
Till to his dismay, on a summer day,
Death to him once did say—
Leave off your trade, Be not assaid
But follow me away.
Without reply, or word or sigh,
The summons he obey'd;
In seventeen hundred & sixty eight
Resign'd his life & spade.

Selby Abbey.



1769. David Williams.

Under this Yew Tree Byried he would be: Because his Father he Planted this Yew Tree.

Guildsfield, Montgom.



1770. Jane Shepherd.

Short was my stay in this vain world, All but a seeming laughter, Therefore mark well my words & ways, For thou com'st posting after.

Ripon, Yorksb.



1770.

In memory of
CHARLES WARD
Who died May 1770
Aged 63 years
A dutiful fon, a loving brother
and an affectionate husband.

N. B. This stone was not erected by SUSAN his wife. She erected a stone to JOHN SALTER her second husband, forgetting the affection of CHARLES WARD her sirst Husband.

Let no one diffurb his bones.

Lowestoft, Suffolk.



1770. George Morgan.

Say more I need not, & fay less who can; Here lies the gen'rous, humane, honest man.

Newland, Glouc.



1770. Three Children of Joseph and Arabella Maton.

Innocence Embellishes Divinely Complete To Prescience Coegent Now Sublimely Great To the Benign, Persecting, Vivifying State.

So Heavenly Guardian Occupy the Skies
The Pre-existent God, Omnipotent, All-wise:
He can Surpassingly Immortalize thy Theme,
And Permanent thy songul Celestial Supreme.

When Gracious Refulgence bids the Grave Refign,
The Creator's Nursing Protection be Thine:
Thus each Perspiring Æther will Joyfully Rise
Transcendently Good, Superiminently Wise.

S. Edmund's, Salisbury.

1 Song all ?



1771. John Biffey.

The here Engrave our Son so dear is laid If God had pleas'd for him with us to staid Until our eyes with his had closed been Then had not us these days of sorrow seen.

Holt, Wilts.



1772. John Stewart.

Man's life is but a winter's day
Some only breakfast and away
Others to dinner stay & are full fed
The oldest man but sups & goes to bed.
Long is his life who lingers out the day
Who goes the soonest has the least to pay.

Barnwell Priory Church.

[Versions of this occur in several places, e.g., at Llangollen, &c.]



1773. Rev. Samuel Love, Minor Canon.

When worthless grandeur fills the embellish'd urn, No poignant grief attends the sable bier; But when distinguish'd excellence we mourn, Deep is the forrow, genuine the tear.

Stranger, shouldst thou approach this awful shrine, The merits of the honour'd dead to seek; The Friend, the Son, the Christian, the Divine, Let those who knew him, those who lov'd him, speak.

Oh! let them in some pause of anguish say, What zeal inspir'd, what saith enlarg'd his breast; How soon the unsetter'd spirit wing'd its way From earth to heaven—from blessing to be bless.

Bristol Cathedral.

[By Mrs. Hannah More.]



1774. John Foster, Head-master of Eton.

Qui fuerim, ex hoc marmore cognosces: Qualis vero cognosces alicubi. Eo scilicet supremo tempore, Quo egomet qualis et tu sueris cognoscam.

Windsor, Berks.

1776. Richard Hooper.

There Leyes the body of RICHARD HOOPER he dyed March the 31st MDCCLXXVI aged 76

Death in a good old age Ended my weary Pilgrimage The Time will come to rise, & then I hope to be with Christ. Amen.

Pewsey, Wilts.



1777. Rebeka Gregor.

I coo and Pine & Ne'er shall be at Rest, Till I come to thee Dearest, Sweetest, Best.

REBEKA GREGOR

Daughter of John Osborne esqr. of this Path lyes here buried.

Hartlep, Effex.



1777. Ann Lingham, aged 24.

By death's rude hand untimely snatch'd away, I sleep in hope, & wait the dawning day, When this frail dust shall triumph o'er the tomb, And Virgin Beauty wear immortal bloom. Wasted by angels to the blissful shore, No more to sicken, & to die no more. Farewell, my friends, farewell for ever dear, Read this, & cease to drop the silent tear.

Woodbridge, Dorset.



1779.

Annabella Willett
Uxor Rodolphi Willett de Therley
Ceffit fatis 10^{mo} Decembris, 1779, æt. 61^{mo};
Quadraginta annis in amore mutuo
Et in dies crescente, feliciter exactis.
Quid luges? Conviva satur, cede.
Cedo lubens;

Gt. Canford, Dorset.



Ens Entium! miserere nostrum.

1779. Richard & Elizabeth Barkland.

When terrestrials all in chaos shall exhibit effervescence Then celestiall virtues with their full effulgent brilliant essence Shall with beaming beauteous radiance through the ebullition shine, Transcending to glorious regions beatifical sublime;

Then human power absorbed, deficient to delineate such effulgent lasting sparks,

Where honest plebeians ever will have precedence over ambiguous great monarchs.

Ercall Magna, Salop.

[Perhaps by the same writer as that at S. Edmund's, Sarum.]



1780. Richard Weston, Baker.

Short of weight
H.L.T.B.O.
R.W.
I.H.O.A.J.R.
A.D. 1780. A. 63.

S. Andrew's, Worcester.



1781. Aaron Barkers.

My wife so dear I've lest behind With an akeing heart & a troubl'd mind In Heaven I hope your soul to see So lead your life for to come to mee There paine & greif cannot annoy Nor yet eclipse our lovving joy.

Maker, Cornw.



1781. James Barker.

O cruel Death, how could you be so unkind, To take him before, and leave me behind? You shou'd have taken both of us if either, Which wou'd have been more pleasing to the survivor.

S. Philip's, Birmingham.



1784. William Rideout.

Full fixty years Life's bufy path I trod, And always walked in the fear of God; Prepar'd for death, his fummons did obey, And here must lie to hungry worms a prey. My body's rotting; yet my soul, I trust, Will rise again, and live among the just.

Shrowton, Dorfet.



1787. Daniel Tear.

Here, Friend, is little Daniel's Tombe,
To Joseph's age he did arrive;
Sloth killing thousands in their bloom,
While labour kept poor Dan alive.
Though strange yet true, full seventy years
Was his wife happy in her TEARS.

Daniel Tear died Dec. 9th, 1787. Aged 110 years.

Kirk S. Anne, I. of Man.



1789.

O cruel death, so soon to end Two faithful wives & sincere friends Death takes the good, too good on earth to stay, And leaves the bad, too bad to take away.

Harborne, near Birmingham.



1790. Mary Ford.

Here lyes MARY the Wife of JOHN FORD, We hope her foule is gone to the LORD; But if for Hell she has chang'd this life, She had better be there than be John Ford's wife.

Formerly at Potterne, Wilts.



1790. Bryan Tunstall.

Here lies poor but honest
BRYAN TUNSTALL
He was a most expert Angler,
until Death, envious of his merit,
threw out his line, hook'd him
and
landed him here the 21st day of April
1790.

Ripon, Yorksb.



1792. Isaac Smith.

Farewell vain world, I know enough of thee An now am careless what thou sayst of me Thy smiles I envy not nor thy frowns fear My cares are past, my head lies quiet here What saults you've seen in me, take care to shun And look at home. Enough there's to be done.

Bishop's Cannings, Wilts.



1793. Sarah Royston.

A pale Consumption gave the fatall blow, The stroke was certain, tho' th' effect was slow: With ling'ring pain Heaven saw me sore opprest, Pitied my sighs, & kindly gave me rest.

Woodhurst, Hants.

[An early instance of this epitaph, which may be found, with slight variations, in almost every churchyard in the western and southern counties.]



1793. John Berridge.

Here lye
the earthly Remains of
JOHN BERRIDGE
late VICAR of EVERTON
and an Itinerant fervant of JESUS CHRIST
who loved his MASTER & his WORK
and after running on His errands many years
was caught up to wait on Him in Heaven
READER

art thou born again?
No Salvation without a New Birth.

I was born in fin February 1716
Remain'd ignorant of my fallen state till 1730:
Lived proudly on faith & works for
falvation till 1754,
Admitted to EVERTON VICARAGE 1755;
Fled to JESUS alone for refuge 1756;
Fell asleep in JESUS January 22, 1793.

Everton, Lanc.

[Written by himself except the date of death.]



1794. Susanna Philips.

Here lies a good & patient wife, Who in her life time hated strife; A gen'rous friend in time of need, And one who lov'd the poor to feed; A loving wife, a tender mother; 'Tis hard to find out such another.

Stalbridge, Dorfet.



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1796. Benjamin Coombes, Gent, & Betty his wife.

Great God! is this our certain doom, And are we still secure? Still walking downward to our tomb, And yet prepare no more!

Woodbridge, Dorset.

1796. Robert Baxter, of Farhouse.

All you that please these lines to read, It will cause a tender heart to bleed. I was murdered upon the sell, And by a man I knew sull well; By bread & butter which he laid, I, being harmless, was betrayed. I hope he will rewarded be That laid the posson there for me.

Knaresdale, Northumb.

1797. John Hayne.

'Tis done, the last great debt of nature paid, HAYNE amongst the numerous dead is laid: O'er hills & dales, thro' woods, o'er mountains, rocks, With keenest ardor he pursu'd the FOX: Heedless of danger, stranger to dismay, Dauntless thro' obstacles he held his way: But now, alas! no more his bosom beats High in the chase, forgotten are his heats; His ardor boots him not, for here are bounds Ne'er overleap'd by huntsman or by hounds; Here was his course arrested; then draw near Sons of the Chace, and drop the pitying tear: Now o'er his tomb as you impassion'd bend, And penfive think of your departed friend, Repeat the tale convey'd in simple strain, And fighing fay—here lies poor honest HAYNE.

Pilton, Devon.

1797. William Ash.

Reader, pass on, nor waste your precious time
On bad biography and murdered rhyme:
What I was before 's well known to my neighbours,
What I am now is no concern of yours.

West Down, Devon.



1798. Susanna Wheffen.

Sober, though liberal, and though prudent, just; Trusty, though cautious whom she ought to trust; She passed through life respected and admir'd, To that blest kingdom she so much desir'd.

Bishop's Candell, Dorset.



1799. Thomas Johnson, Surgeon.

What I was once some may relate, What I am now is all men's sate: What I shall be none can explain, Till he that call'd doth call again.

Brancepeth, Durham.



1800. John Hart, "The 6th descendant from the Poet Shakespere."

Here lies the only comfort of my life, Who was the best of Husbands to a wife, Since he is not, no joy I e'er shall have, Till laid by him within the silent grave; Here we shall sleep, & quietly remain, Till by God's decree we meet in Heaven again, There with Christ eternally to dwell, And until that blest time, my Love, farewell.

Tewkesbury, Worc.



1800. William Aldersley.

More would you have? Go ask the Poor he fed.
Whose was the Hand that raised their drooping head;
Ask of the sew whose path is strew'd with slowers,
Who made the happy still have happier hours;
Whose Voice like his could charm all care away,
Whose Look so tender, or whose Smile so gay:
Go ask of all—and learn from every tear,
The Good how honour'd, and the Kind how dear.

Stoke, Surrey.



1800. Elizabeth Chudleigh.

Smitten friends!

Are angels fent on errands full of love:
For us they languish, & for us they die:
And shall they languish, shall they die in vain?
Ungrateful shall we grieve their hov'ring shades,
Which wait the reformation in our hearts?
Shall we disdain their silent, soft address,
Their posthumous advice, & pious prayer?

Cattistocke, Dorset.



APPENDIX.

1613. Jane Gee. The Latin version accidentally omitted at p. 53.

EPICEDIUM EDWARDI GEE HVJVS ECCLESIÆ IN
OBITV CHARISSIMÆ SVÆ CONJVGIS IANÆ GEE QVÆ OBIIT
VIGESIMO PRIMO DIE SEPTEMBRIS 1613

O MIHI SI NVMQVAM TAEDAS TETIGISSE JVGALES
CONTIGERAT MISERO LVX MEA JANA JACET
VIX DVO LVSTRA SIMVL SVAVISSIMA DUXIMVS & MORS
INVIDA SVRRIPVIT LVX MEA JANA JACET
JANA JACES CVI NEC SIMILIS FIDISSIMA CONJVX
ADMETI: NEC PAR VXOR VLISSIS ERAT
FŒMINA NVLLA VIRI NEC PROLIS AMANTIOR VNQVAM
TE PIA NULLA MAGIS, NVLLA PVDICA MAGIS
ERGO ANIMA O FŒLIX AETERNA PACE QVIESCAS
IN CŒLIS VBI NVNC REGNA BEATA COLIS
AT TVA JANA MEIS LABETVR IMAGO MEDVLLIS
QVVM FERA DESTITVIT GRAMINA PISCIS AQVAS
NON VIRIDI POSTHAC INNIXVS FRONDE SIDERA
SED VELVTI AMISSA COMPARE TVRTVR ERO.



The following Epitaphs came to hand too late for insertion in their proper places.

1596. - Skerne.

If each thing's ende do each thing's worth express, What is man's life, but uague unperfectness. How swiftly runne we to our fatall ende, Which haue no hope, if death be not our friend. I Skerne doe shew, that all ovr earthly trust, All earthly sayers, and goods, and sweetes are dust. Looke on ye worlde's inside, and looke on mee; Here outside is but painted vanitie.

Bere-Regis, Dorfet.



1633. John Starre.

JOHN STARRE.

Starr on bie!

Where should a Starr be
But on hie?

Tho underneath
He now doth lie

Sleepinge in Dust
Yet shall be rise

More glorious than
The Starres in skies.

1 6 3 3.

Seaton, Devon.



1642. Sir Edward Giles.

No trust to metals nor to marbles when
These have their fate and wear away as men:
Times, titles, trophies, may be lost and spent:
But vertue rears th' eternall monument.
What more than these can tombs and tombstones pay?
But here's the sunset of a tedious day;
These two assessments, I'll but be undrest
And soe to bed; pray wish us all good rest.

Dean Prior, Devon.

[Recorded by Prince, now illegible.]



1642. Elizabeth Oldfield.

Here is the wardrobe of my dusty clothes,
Which hands divine shall brush, and make soe gay
That my immortal soule shall put them on,
And weare the same vpon my Wedding Daye;
In which attire my Lord shall me convoy
Then to the Lodginge of eternal ioy.

Chipping-Sodbury, Glouc.



1643. Robert Caunter, Gent.

His piovs sovle wrapt in distemper'd earth, Was now prepared for a second birth; He straight ascending the caelestial spheres, Cast off her mantle, and hath lest it here.

Ashburton, Devon.



1650. Mary Elford.

TO THE MEMORIE OF MARY THE THIRD WIFE OF JOHN ELFORD OF SHITSTOR, Eq., WAS HERE INTERRED FEBR. y° 16 A° 1642, HAVING ISSUE AT A BIRTH MARY & SARAH

Wed. poesie

AS MARYES CHOYCE MADE IOHN REIOYCE below

Soe was her losse his heauie crosse most know Yet lost she is not sure but found aboue Death gaue her life t'imbrace A dearer loue.

Anagr. {MARY ELFORD} {FEAR MY LORD}

Then FEAR MY LORD whilst yet yⁿ mou'st on mold That soe those arms that mee may thee infold Neer twelue moneths day her maridge heer did pass Her heauenly nuptiall consummated was She fertile prou'd in soule and bodye both In life good workes at death she twyns brought forth

And like A fruitfull tree with bearing dy'd Yet Phoenix like for one there two survived Which shortly posted their deare mother after Least this contagion their poore soules might slaughter Then cease your sad laments I am but gone To reape aboue what I below have sowne.

Aº aetat { VIXIT OBIIT SVPERIS¹

MARIA GALE IOHANNIS ELFORD VXOR TERTIA

HEV OBIIT EX PVERPERIO } { ERECTUM FUIT Aº 1650.

Widdecombe-in-the-Moor, Devon.

1 This line gives her age, 25; the two following lines the date of her death, 1642.



1662. Edward Gould & Margaret his wife.

Death spar'd not MARGARET, Although a PEARL in GOULDE soe nicely set.

Staverton, Devon.



1669. Robert Roch (1625) & John Antrem.

The bodys here of two Divines embrace, Both which were once the Pastors of this place: And if their corps each other seem to greet, What will they do when soule and body meet?

Elton, Dorset.



1672. Elizabeth Laurence.

Goodness in heaven gave a birth
In her to goodness here on earth;
And having time long-with her blest,
Took her to heaven there to rest.
Goodness on earth doth now in mourning go,
Because she hath no pattern here below.

Wraxhall, Dorset.



1672. Rev. Richard Ham.

In memoriam RICH. HAM hujus Ecclesiae quondam Pastoris, qui in Musaeo, Lectioni, Precebus et Jejuniis incumbens, Spiritum ejus estlavit die sexto Septembris, 1672.

Conditur hoc tumulo corpus venerabilis HAMI HAMI quo pisces Christus captabat acuti Quamvis nunc vili cubat ipse rubigine plenus Attamen (ex putredine) clarus in aethera surget.

Ipplepen, Devon.



The two following Epitaphs, though later than 1800, seem too curious to be rejected.

Many persons probably will be glad to be presented to the real "Lady O'Looney," with whom I myself became acquainted only in February, 1877, during a casual visit to her place of rest.

1802. George Rongleigh.

Here lies in a horizontal position
The outside case of GEORGE RONGLEIGH, Watchmaker,
Whose abilities in that line were an honor

to his profession:

Integrity was the Mainspring
and Prudence the Regulator
of all the actions of his life;
Humane, generous, and liberal,
His Hand never stopped
Till he had relieved distress:
So nicely were all his Actions regulated
That he never went wrong,
Except when set a going
By People

Who did not know his key:

Even then he was easily set right again.

He had the art of disposing his time so well

That his hours glided away
In one continual round
of pleasure and delight,
Till an unlucky minute put a period to
His existence.

He departed this life November 14th, 1802,

aged 57; Wound up

In hopes of being taken in hand by his Maker,

And of being thoroughly cleaned and repaired, And fet a going

In the world to come.

Lydford, Devon.

[Copied June, 1857.]



1839. Mrs. Jane Molony. (" Lady O'Looney.")1

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF MRS. JANE MOLONY

WHO LIES INTERRED IN A VAULT UNDERNEATH THIS CHAPEL DAUGHTER OF ANTONY SHEE OF CASTLE BAR IN THE COUNTY OF MAYO ESQRE

WHO WAS MARRIED TO MISS BURKE OF CURRY IN THE SAID COUNTY

AND COUSIN TO THE RT HONBLE EDMOND BURKE COMMONLY

CALLED THE SUBLIME

WHOSE BUST IS HERE SURMOUNTED OR SUBJOINED
THE SAID JANE WAS COUSIN TO THE LATE COUNTESS OF
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

AND WAS MARRIED TO THREE SUCCESSIVE HUSBANDS FIRST STUART ESQRE

COUSIN TO THE LATE MARQUIS OF BUTE; SECONDLY TO WILLIAM COLLINS JACKSON

In a very mutilated form this epitaph has long been current as that of "Lady O'Looney," & was faid to be found at Pewsey, Wilts.

- OF LANGLEY LODGE IN THE COUNTY OF BUCKS FORMERLY
 MILITARY SECRETARY
- TO THE HON: EAST INDIA COMPANY IN INDIA ESQRE
 THIRDLY EDMOND MOLONY OF CLONONY CASTLE KING'S COUNTY
 IRELAND ESQRE
- BARRISTER AT LAW AND LATE, OF WOODLANDS IN THE COUNTY OF DUBLIN
- COUSIN TO THE EARL OF ROSCOMMON, WHO IS BROTHER IN LAW OF THE
- PRESENT EARL OF SHREWSBURY AND ALSO COUSIN OF LORD
 VISCOUNT DILLON
- OF COSTOLLO AND GALLON IN THE KINGDOM OF IRELAND
 THE FIRST WIFE OF THE SAID EDMOND MOLONY WAS JANE
 MALONE
 - WHO IS INTERRED IN THE DEMESNE OF BARINSTOWN
 IN THE COUNTY OF WESTMEATH WITH HER
- BROTHER IN LAW ANTONY MALONE ESQRE, AND ALSO WITH HER COUSINS LORD SUNDERLIN
- AND HIS PREDECEASED BROTHER EDMOND MALONE COMMONLY

 CALLED
- SHAKSPEAR MALONE LATE OF QUEEN ANNE STREET EAST LONDON
 SHE WAS DAUGHTER OF SERGEANT RICHARD MALONE AN
 EMINENT LAWYER AND
- A GREAT STATESMAN WHO POSSESSED GREAT ESTATES IN THE SAID KING'S COUNTY
- AND NIECE TO THE RT. HONBLE ANTONY MALONE DECEASED WHO WAS GREATLY
- REGRETTED OF WHOM IT WAS SAID BY ONE OF THE MOST ELEGANT WRITERS
- OF THE DAY THAT HE POSSESSED ONE OF THE SWEETEST TONGUES THAT EVER UTTERED THE DICTATES OF REASON
- HE WAS A GREAT PATRIOT AND REFUSED THE GREAT SEALS OF IRELAND THE SITUATION
- BEING AT THE PLEASURE OF THE CROWN WHILE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER
- OF IRELAND FROM WHICH HE WAS REMOVED WITHOUT CAUSE OR HIS OWN CONSENT

HE AVAILED HIMSELF OF THE JUDICIAL PLACE ATTACHED TO IT
AND SAT ON THE BENCH ABOVE THE CHIEF BARON AND DECIDED
MANY CASES

WHICH GAVE GENERAL SATISFACTION AND HIS DECREES WERE NEVER QUESTIONED

HE DIED 1776 AGED 76

THE SAID MRS MOLONY OTHERWISE MALONE DIED AT SAID WOODLANDS

IN FEBRUARY 1808 AGED 59

THE SAID MRS MOLONY OTHERWISE SHEE DIED IN LONDON IN JANUARY 1839

AGED 74

SHE WAS HOT PASSIONATE AND TENDER

AND A HIGHLY ACCOMPLISHED LADY AND A SUPERB DRAWER
IN WATER COLOURS WHICH WAS MUCH ADMIRED IN THE

EXHIBITION ROOM IN

SOMERSET HOUSE SOME YEARS PAST
"THOUGH LOST FOR EVER, YET A FRIEND IS DEAR
THE HEART YET PAYS A TRIBUTARY TEAR."

THIS MONUMENT WAS ERECTED BY HER DEEPLY AFFLICTED HUSBAND THE

SAID EDMOND MOLONY IN MEMORY OF HER GREAT VIRTUES AND TALENTS

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